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## COMMENT OF THE DAY

### A "Spare Our Fish" Plea

THIS is no homily on disaster, no fearful tirade against Washington; but a plea for the preservation of the fish which make their abode in the waters of the Pacific. Pollution, alas, is imminent. The water soon will not be fit to swim in and all because of the recent Hydrogen Bomb explosion at the not too distant Marshall Islands. The situation is viewed with such alarm that an eminent Professor well versed in the dark abracadabra of Nuclear Physics has recommended that in future all fishing vessels should carry Geiger Counters in case they net fish contaminated by the death dealing dust from the explosion. It requires no particularly fertile imagination to visualise the result—the net coming dripping from the sea with its leaping silver haul. Each fish has to be "screened" for the doubtful crime of being radio-active! The process, presumably, will be one of selection and rejection with a monotonous "She-loves-me-she-loves-me-not" regularity. May we suggest that instead of hurling the rejected fish back into the sea, they be carefully put to one side, boxed, and, if the Authorities would ignore their strategic content, sent behind the Iron Curtain as a reminder of the advance of Western science.

THIS solution to the problem is all very plausible, but until the Geiger Counters are installed in the trawlers we must contemplate the horror of a new fish, not merely fresh, or even frozen, canned, pickled, smoked, embalmed, salted, preserved, potted, or pasted, but — radio - activated! Imagine the advertisements. "Dawson's Atomised 'Alibut' and Hydrogenated Hake" and, as a variation of potted shrimps, "Neuclearised Nests" . . . and then into the realms of a nightmare of steamed sole and . . . a cloud of Strontium 90 mushrooms into your face. It is said this particular substance remains active for 25 years. How awful if it smells like garlic. In the interests of Far East fish eaters (no parochial plea is this—we are more worldly than to consider Hongkong alone), we beg our American friends to spare our fish: if Hydrogen Bombs must be exploded, then explode them in the Atlantic.

## NAGUIB REMAINS PREMIER

### But Loses Fight To Restore Civil Government MARTIAL LAW DECLARED

CAIRO, MAR. 29. THE EGYPTIAN ARMY JUNTA HAS DEFEATED GENERAL MOHAMMED NAGUIB'S ATTEMPT TO RESTORE PARLIAMENTARY RULE IN EGYPT AND TONIGHT THE NATION WAS IN THE GRIP OF MARTIAL LAW.

But Naguib stays as President and Prime Minister in spite of the victory of his chief rival, Colonel Gamal Abdel Nasser, who led the junta and its civilian allies in their bid to reverse last week's decision to end army rule this summer.

While General Naguib — a sick man after collapsing with blood pressure and arterial trouble today — was fighting his losing battle of policy with the rival leaders, "a state of siege" was proclaimed by the armed forces, Commander-in-Chief, Major-General Abdel Hakim Amer, "to maintain law and order."

More troops poured into the capital and soldiers with drawn swords mounted guard on public buildings, banks, embassies, squares and main streets.

The military and civilian leaders in joint session then announced that they had scrapped the decision to hand over to the politicians, called off the elections for a constituent assembly and declared the revolution would run its original three-year course.

The 200,000 railwaymen who had come out against the Naguib policy called off their strike and it was announced trains would be running again from midnight.

Observers expect the spreading general strike will also be called off.

Big question mark though is the attitude of the Cavalry Corps, which alone of the Army, is backing Naguib.

The Cavalry's tanks played a major part in putting him back in power after he was thrown out by Colonel Nasser and the Junta, a few weeks ago.

Major Salah Salem, Minister of National Guidance, who made known the changed policy formation of a National Consultative Council which would be representative of all sections of the country's life.

**BLOOD PRESSURE**

The decisions were taken at General Naguib's own villa with his doctors at hand.

He had collapsed at Cairo airport after saying farewell to King Saud, Egypt's state guest for the past week.

General Naguib is stated to be suffering from abnormal blood pressure, hardening of the arteries and nervous strain from the recent political tussle.



JOHN FOSTER DULLES

### Call For "United Action"

Washington, Mar. 29. Diplomatic authorities predicted tonight that the United States is preparing to ask Britain, France and other Allied powers to join it in a declaration guaranteeing Southeast Asia against Communist aggression.

They said that was the thought behind Secretary of State John Foster Dulles' declaration in his speech to the Overseas Writers Club here that the US believes the Red threat to the area must be met by united action.

The assumption here is that Mr Dulles has in mind a warning to the Chinese Reds that any overt move into any of the Southeast Asian countries would bring co-ordinated retaliation on the Chinese mainland. The Chinese Reds have not intervened directly in the Indo-China fight but are supplying the indigenous Reds there.

Mr Dulles did not spell out in detail what he meant by "united action" but in speaking of Red threats to Southeast Asia, he said:

"Under the conditions of today, the imposition on Southeast Asia of the political system of Communist Russia and its Chinese Communist ally, by whatever means, would be a grave threat to the whole free community. The United States feels that that possibility should not be passively accepted but should be met by united action. This might involve serious risks. But these risks are far less than those that will face us a few years from now, if we dare not be resolute today."

The importance attached to his call for "united action" was emphasized by the fact that this passage in the text of his speech was called to the special attention of the British and French Ambassadors here before the American Secretary of State delivered the address.—United Press.

### LONDON PAPER FINED \$1,000

London, Mar. 29. Lord Beaverbrook's Evening Standard newspaper was fined \$1,000 with costs in the High Court today for contempt of court, resulting from a murder trial report last month.

The Lord Chief Justice, Lord Goddard, said no separate penalties would be imposed on the Editor, Mr. Percy Eland, or on Mr. George Forrest, the Evening Standard reporter who wrote the account of the trial.

Lord Goddard described the error as "an honest mistake." He said there was no intention of interfering with the course of justice.

### Empire Windrush Now In Tow

Algiers, Mar. 29. The British destroyer, *Saladin*, today took in tow the beleaguered *Empire Windrush*, which was seriously damaged today in a collision with a ship in the Mediterranean.

The *Windrush* was carrying 1,000 tons of goods and 100 crew members.

### Priest Wounded

Rome, Mar. 29. A Catholic priest was shot and seriously wounded today in a clash between police and demonstrators in the Italian capital.

### Dulles Repeats—No Recognition Of Peking Regime

#### FOREIGN POLICY SPEECH

New York, Mar. 29. The US Secretary of State, Mr John Foster Dulles, declared emphatically tonight that the US will not try to appease Communist China at the Geneva conference with recognition or admission to the United Nations and that abandonment of Nationalist China to "bloody liquidation" by the Communists is "unthinkable."

In a major foreign policy speech at the Overseas Press Club, Mr Dulles said he was firmly opposed to recognition of "a regime that actively attacks our vital interests" or admission into the United Nations "a convicted aggressor which has not purged itself from that aggression and which continues to promote the use of force in violation of the principles of the United Nations."

Mr Dulles reaffirmed that Communist China's presence at the Geneva conference did not imply recognition. "The United States delegation will go to Geneva in an effort to bring about a united and independent Korea, from which Communist China will have to withdraw its army of invasion."

"Also, we hope, that any Indo-China discussion will serve to bring the Chinese Communists to see the danger of their apparent design for the conquest of Southeast Asia to that they will cease and desist. We shall not, however, be disposed to give Communist China what it wants from us merely to buy its promises of future good behaviour."

Mr Dulles, whose speech was televised, broadcast from the Waldorf Astoria Hotel, said Communist China's "continuing lack of genuine will for peace" was being demonstrated in Indo-China.

"We can, I think, take a lesson from Dien Bien Phu. For some days there has seemed to be a lull. But in fact the danger has steadily mounted. The enemy sappers have never ceased their work. They have burrowed and tunneled to gain forward positions so that the inner citadels can be subjected to mass assault from a close position."

"Today the free world also feels a sense of lull. The danger of general war seems to have receded. I hope that is so. If it is so, it's because the new nations saw the danger and moved untidily with courage and decision to meet it."

#### SERIOUS DANGER

He warned that "under present conditions" the imposition of the Soviet and Chinese Communist political system on Southeast Asia would represent a serious danger for the entire free world. The US considered such a possibility should not be accepted passively but should be confronted by united action. Such a course of action might involve serious risks but these risks would be much less serious than those which would be faced in several years if a determined attitude were not adopted today.

Mr Dulles said it was sometimes necessary to take risks to win the peace just as it was necessary to take risks to triumph in war.

"The chances for peace are usually bettered by letting a potential aggressor know in advance where his aggression could lead him. I hope that these statements which I make here tonight will serve the cause of peace."

The Secretary of State said that those responsible for American policy must decide whether it would help "our country" by recognition "we give increased prestige and lend credence to a regime that actively attacks our vital interests. The answer is no."

#### RED DESERTER

Vienna, Mar. 29. A young Soviet artilleryman, who fled into the American sector of Vienna, has been granted asylum, the United States Information Service announced today.

Jouri Hodocoi, 20, stationed at Korneuburg near Vienna, said he prepared for his escape six months ago because he "hated Communism" and "had had enough" of the Soviet Army. He crossed into the US zone after hiking three days across country.

Hodocoi, native of a village near Rostovsk in the Soviet region of European Russia, had joined the Red Army in 1942.

#### CAN'T COMPETE AGAINST HK

British sources here said the Chinese Government would be considered "unstable" if it were to recognize the Peking regime.

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### 21 Killed In Train Crash

Buenos Aires, Mar. 29. A train crash killed 21 people near the city of Coronel Suarez, south of Buenos Aires, today, according to first reports.

Police said all the killed and five injured were passengers in a bus which attempted to cross the track ahead of the train.

The train, on a regular passenger service from Bahia Blanca to Rosario, crushed the bus. The engine was derailed.—Reuter.

### RUSSIA USES VETO AGAIN

New York, Mar. 29. Russia today vetoed in the Security Council a New Zealand resolution calling on Egypt to lift restriction on shipping passing through the Suez Canal on its way to Israel.

Britain, the United States and France had all supported the New Zealand resolution which expressed "grave concern" at Egypt's failure to comply with a request by the Council in 1951 for the lifting of these restrictions.

Egypt has said she "emphatically rejects" the resolution. This was the Soviet Union's 59th veto in the Security Council.

Eight nations voted for the resolution, two opposed it—Lebanon, backing the Soviet Union—and one, China, abstained.

But the negative vote of the Russian delegate, Mr Andrei Vyshinsky, meant that the resolution was not passed.

The last veto cast by Russia in the Security Council on January 29, also concerned a Western proposal about the Middle East.

It blocked a plan to get a settlement of the Jordan River dispute between Israel and Syria.

Sir Pierson Dixon, the British delegate, described the Russian use of the veto at that time as "melancholy and sinister."

Brazil, Colombia and Denmark were among the countries backing the New Zealand resolution.

Mr Vyshinsky, before the vote was taken, urged it would be "far more desirable" if the Council appealed to both parties to take measures to settle their dispute by direct negotiation.

He described the resolution as "unsatisfactory"—Reuter.

### Another H-Bomb Test Last Friday

Washington, Mar. 29. A second hydrogen bomb test was carried out successfully at America's Pacific proving grounds last Friday, the chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission, Mr Lewis Strauss, announced today.

Mr Strauss, who returned from the Pacific only this morning, said in a statement that the test series was producing "information highly important to national defence." He did not elaborate on the new H-bomb test.

There was no indication how the new explosion compared with the previous one, which was so powerful one Congressman said, "You almost might say it was out of control."

Mr Strauss emphasized, however, that the utmost care was taken against any repetition of the earlier blast, which showered Japanese fishermen and others with radioactive dust many miles from the test site.

**AREA SEARCHED**

He said before the blast was set off, naval and Air Force units attached to the atomic test force carefully searched the area both visually and by radar. No shipping was discovered in the area.

Members of the Joint Congressional Atomic Committee, who were advised of the new test late today, said they understood "it was not as big as the last one." The Committee probably will receive a more complete report at a secret session previously called for tomorrow.

In line with AEC policy, Mr Strauss did not refer directly to H-bomb test but merely called it the second test of the present thermonuclear series. Thermonuclear is the term used by scientists for H-bomb tests.—United Press.

#### BRITAIN'S DECISION

Canberra, Mar. 29. Authoritative sources said today that Britain did not plan to test further atomic devices in Australia this year. The sources said Britain was satisfied with the results of the last tests at the Woomera rocket range, which gave her atomic weapons for her three armed services. They said Britain would now concentrate on developing these weapons.—United Press.

### No Restoration Of Gold Standard

Washington, Mar. 29. The US Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, Mr Randolph Burgess, said today his Department was unopposed to any restoration of the gold standard in the US.—France-Press.

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# "BIG THREE" CONFERENCE ON TRADE BAN

## Stassen Outlines Objections To British Plan

London, Mar. 29. The United States foreign aid chief, Mr Harold Stassen, outlined to a "Big Three" conference today America's objections to Britain's plan to sell more goods to Communist Europe, diplomatic sources said.

He was addressing British and French Ministers at the opening of a two-day meeting called to discuss Sir Winston Churchill's proposals for boosting East-West European trade by whittling down the present list — enforced by the Atlantic Pact countries plus West Germany and Japan on the export of potentially strategic materials.

Under the "Battle Act" passed by Congress in 1951, the American Administration is forbidden to give aid to countries selling strategic goods to Communist nations unless the President expressly permits sales in the interests of the United States.

The main aim of the London conference is to prevent a serious political difference between America and her Allies.

Mr Stassen has made it clear in the talks he has had with British Ministers and officials since his arrival on Saturday that too liberal a revision of the embargoed items would provoke bitter hostility in Congress. In the American view nothing should be exported to the Com-

munist world which would increase its war potential.

Britain backed by France and other West European countries believed that an increased flow of goods between the Communist and non-Communist states might lead to an improvement of political relations.

PEACE OR WAR For this reason Britain has pressed for a more liberal definition of some sections of the forbidden items.

Neither she nor America's other Allies wants any relaxation of the embargo on warlike commodities.

But Britain is attempting in the London talks to reach agreement with the United States on how much of the ban can be lifted without endangering Western security.

Many of the goods however, can be used for peaceful or warlike purposes and these are being scrutinised item by item.

DEFENCE AID The recommendations of the three-power meeting here will be passed to the Paris group representing all the nations respecting the embargoes for final agreement.

Mr Stassen is also discussing with British officials the scale of American defence aid to Britain in the financial year beginning in July.

Mr Stassen plans to fly to Washington to report to President Eisenhower tomorrow night.

But some American officials will remain to continue detailed discussions.—Reuter.

## Russia Has "Pre-Fab" Submarines

Russia is now assembling in quantity a new type of long-range, high-speed submarine, according to latest reports from London.

This class of submarine—first sighted in the North Sea and in Greenland waters during NATO naval manoeuvres—was seen last March off the South African coast and in the Far East.

It is reported to be prefabricated at inland factories and assembled at Baltic and Far East shipyards.

Most modern and streamlined in outline, the new Communist submarine is—

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This class has been sighted recently in substantial numbers. It is the first long-range submarine developed for the Russian Navy from captured German boats or by captured German designers.

Russia is now estimated by NATO experts to have about 350 submarines of all types. Fewer than 100 are fast or up to date.

Modernisation of the ocean-going coastal-defence, and training flotillas is now being accelerated.

## Cheaper Petrol In Britain

London, Mar. 30.

Motorists in Britain will pay a penny less for petrol today. The reduction in the price of standard grade fuel was announced last night by the major petrol firms.

Diesel fuel was reduced by 1/2 of a penny.

Premium grade petrol is not reduced.

Last November standard grade petrol was cut by a halfpenny to four shillings and 3 1/2 pence a gallon.

Diesel fuel came down a half-penny.—Reuter.

## The Queen Will Get A Big TV Welcome Home

The biggest outside broadcast operation since the Coronation is being planned by TV for the homecoming of the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh in May, according to London reports.

Eleven cameras will be in action. The "roving eye" one will go aloft to relay the royal progress from the Pool of London up-river to Westminster. Ten other cameras will show the disembarkation and the ceremonial drive through beflagged London to Buckingham Palace.

By then it is estimated that there will be at least 3,500,000 TV sets in operation. And the total audience is likely to top everything except that mammoth gathering which saw the Queen crowned nearly a year ago.

A camera is expected to be set up facing Buckingham Palace so that close-up shots of the Queen and the Duke waving to the crowds may be televised throughout Britain.

The actual homecoming TV pictures are likely to begin as the Britannia steams into London. But TV's film unit hopes to fly down Channel to film the welcome of the little ship from the fishing ports of the West.

It is probable that hundreds of stills cameras will be set up along the river banks.

lers, and pleasure steamers will be out in the Channel all the way from Falmouth to Dover, and TV film cameras hope that the weather will be clear enough for good pictures.

These will be rushed back to London to be screened as a preliminary to the actual transmission of the arrival in the Port of London.

If this can be done, millions of viewers throughout the country will, for the first time

in history, be able to see a royal homecoming from the time the Queen sights the shores of England practically until she steps out on the Palace balcony to accept the cheers of the London crowds.

A telecording made from the screen will be linked with the film shots into a special programme to be shown later—possibly the same evening or on Sunday.

## US Battleship To Join 'Mothball Fleet'

New York, Mar. 29.

The American battleship Missouri will be returned to the mothball fleet this Autumn to make room in the United States Navy for additional aircraft carriers, the New York Times reported today.

The Times said the Missouri had already been given its final overhaul and would undergo a deactivation process at Bremerton, Washington, beginning in September.

The Navy Department refused to verify the report.

The Times said that the Missouri's officers already have been given questionnaires on their choices of new assignments.—United Press.

## Gruenther Tells France: No Alternative To EDC

Paris, Mar. 29.

The Supreme Commander of Allied forces in Europe, General Alfred Gruenther, told France today "we have no alternative solution here at SHAPE headquarters to the European Defence Community."

Replying to questions put by radio commentators on a programme recorded for the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, Gen. Gruenther explained that for the Allied Command the EDC problem was a military and not a political one.

"We have stated our needs. We have stated we need a German contribution to the defence of Europe. This under EDC is completely feasible."

Asked about defence against hydrogen bombs, the Allied Supreme Commander said: "Defence against the H-bomb is the same as against the A-bomb. We must try to prevent them from being delivered. Once they have been dropped on our troops or cities we are in great trouble."

"The tactics of the SHAPE Command in face of a possible aggression will never be 100 per cent defensive because the offence has a tremendous advantage over the defence."

### TROUBLE ON RIGHT

Turning to the Mediterranean-Middle East front, Gen. Gruenther said: "If the possible aggressors turned our right flank we would be in trouble. But I hope there will be enough forces in that area."

He was confident that the Western Powers, in case of an atomic attack, would be able to retaliate with "tremendous destructive ability."

Our delivery capacity is much greater than theirs. In that fact lies one element of our safety."

General Gruenther said the U.S. Air Force had a jet bomber capable of first-rate altitude and distance performances, the B-47, whereas the Soviet Union only had the TU-4. "A copy of the B-29 and practically obsolete" and no other answer to the B-47 at present.

"However, they are developing prototypes and in a few years they can have planes as good, if not better, than our B-47."

He said the Soviet TU-4 bomber could reach the US and drop its atomic bomb there but could not return to Russia—"a one-way attack"—France-Press.

## De Gasperi Backs EDC

Naples, Italy, Mar. 29.

The former Premier, Signor Alcide De Gasperi, strongly backed the European Army project last night in what was considered an indication that the Government will try to push the EDC treaties through Parliament in the near future.

Signor De Gasperi, at present Secretary-General of the governing Christian Democratic Party and a close friend of Premier Mario Scelba, was addressing a conference of Party leaders from the Naples area.

"The EDC, a strictly defensive organisation, is an indispensable pre-requisite for a political and economical European community, in which Italian economy and labour will have prospects of expansion, and welfare," Signor De Gasperi said.

"We hope that a solution for Trieste can be reached outside or in connection with EDC," Signor De Gasperi said.

"But the question must not be put as if our participation in EDC were a concession which must be matched by other concessions. We must honestly state that EDC is in our own interest, for Italy's security and development."—United Press.

## New Anti-Red Bill Before US Congress

Washington, Mar. 29.

Representative Carl Vinson, a Democrat, introduced legislation today to make membership of the Communist Party while serving in the Armed Forces a crime.

Under the present law Communist Party membership is not in itself a crime, either in military or civilian life, although officers in the Armed Forces must swear that they are not members of subversive groups and can be court-martialed for swearing falsely.

Under Mr Vinson's bill Communists would not necessarily escape military service when called.

They could be put into some special form of service. Mr Vinson suggested making them labourers.

The maximum punishment under the bill would be set by the President.

"I feel confident the bill will be approved by the House Armed Service Committee," Mr Vinson said.

FAST MEMBERSHIP He is the ranking Democrat and former Chairman of the Armed Service Committee.

His proposal came as the Administration prepared to make public its own recommendations for new legal curbs against Communism. It paralleled also a drive in the House Judiciary Committee to outlaw the Red Party.

Mr Vinson's bill would make membership in the Communist Party or any organisation seeking the forcible overthrow of the Government a crime under the code of military justice, punishable by court martial.

The bill also makes it a crime for Servicemen to conceal past membership in the Party.—United Press.

## Dug With Spoon

Jackson,

Mississippi, Mar. 29.

James C. Smith, a burglary suspect, was caught while trying to dig his way out of the city gaol here yesterday.

Officers said he was using a tablespoon.—United Press.

## QUEEN'S &amp; ALHAMBRA

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The letter was folded up in the form of an accordion for despatch through the post.  
It took the sender 24 hours to write. — China Mail Special.

## In Saudi-Arabia

## BRITISH SHOOTINGS ALLEGED

London, Mar. 29.  
The Saudi-Arabian Embassy today charged that "British soldiers have been shooting at civilians day and night without any reason" at the sand-swept, isolated and disputed Buraimi Oasis deep in the Arabian desert.

An Embassy spokesman said British-commanded forces killed two of five Saudi Kaabi at Shuwanis tribesmen who walked near a British-held mud fort on March 23.

"Such action can hardly be conducive to an appropriate atmosphere for the talks now taking place in Saudi-Arabia," said the Embassy.

Buraimi, a cluster of palm groves and shallow wells on the shifting sands of the South-eastern part of the Arabian peninsula, is claimed by both Saudi-Arabia and the Sheikdom of Abu Dhabi.

Abu Dhabi is one of several British-protected Sheikdoms on the so-called Trucial Coast along the Persian Gulf. Britain is bound by treaty to aid the principality and conducts its foreign affairs and defence in return for commercial concessions.

## HEATED CONTROVERSY

Buraimi is well inland from the steaming coastal town of Abu Dhabi and has been the subject of heated controversy between Britain and Saudi-Arabia ever since the late King Ibn Saud sent an expeditionary force to occupy the oasis.

British territorial forces surrounded the oasis and have blockaded it for more than a year.

The Foreign Office today denied any knowledge of the incident referred to in the Saudi charge. A spokesman noted that normally reports of incidents of this type are relayed to London immediately. —United Press.

## A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS  
3 Unpaid players (8).  
8 Pile (4).  
9 Have commanding influence over (8).  
11 N.C.O. (8).  
12 Measure (4).  
15 Vies with (8).  
18 Gives up hope (8).  
19 Trial (4).  
21 Supernatural events (8).  
25 Bullfighter (8).  
26 Meditate (4).  
27 Record (8).

- DOWN  
1 Smart (4).  
2 Couple (4).  
4 Tie up a boat (4).  
6 Appendage (4).  
8 Custom (5).  
9 Drugged (5).  
10 Companions (5).  
12 Seaside air (8).  
14 Hew (5).  
16 Lukewarm (5).  
17 Weapon (8).  
19 Teacher (5).  
20 Spray (5).  
21 Multitude (4).  
22 Part (4).  
23 Nasty (4).  
24 Pace (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 1 Harum, 4 Aspic, 7 Resonant, 8 Enter, 9 Silent, 11 Avarice, 13 Fortune, 15 Shinos, 16 Ruler, 18 Elevator, 20 Sight, 21 Twelve, 22 Dwell, 1 Harum, 2 Alone, 3 Spartan, 4 Attest, 5 Partisan, 6 Citron, 10 Lordling, 13 Respect, 15 Forces, 16 Unrest, 18 Inane, 17 Agree.

## New Persian Envoy Meets Eden



Mr Ali Saheli, the newly-arrived Persian Ambassador shakes hands with the Foreign Secretary, Mr Anthony Eden, when they met at the Foreign Office recently. Mr Saheli was appointed after the resumption of diplomatic relations. —Central Press Photo.

## "We Have Loosened Enemy's Grip"

## French Sortie At Dien Bien Phu: 'Brilliant Success'

Saigon, Mar. 29.  
French Union defences of Dien Bien Phu who, in a spectacular daylight sortie yesterday killed 1,000 Vietminh, have loosened the enemy grip round the shell-scarred fortress, the French High Command announced here today.

A French spokesman described the raid by Colonel Christian de Castrie's Garrison as a "brilliant success".

He said the Vietminh had been taken so much by surprise that the French and Vietnamese columns punched right through their lines and created havoc.

Among 130 weapons seized were two 60 millimetre guns, five 20 millimetre anti-aircraft guns and 14 high machine-guns. The French said they counted 1,000 rebel dead, while their own casualties were about 20 men.

French officers have expressed their delight that the fortress garrison, pounded by rebel guns for the past fortnight, had given the besiegers such an unpleasant surprise.

"DASHING PLAN"  
Observers said Colonel de Castrie's dashing plan was in the tradition of his soldierly family, which provided a Marshal of France for King Louis XIV and a Lieutenant-Colonel who fought in the American war of independence.

Vietminh forces intercepted about two battalions of French Union troops, supported by seven tanks, which made a successful thrust against a set of the French for King Louis XIV and a Lieutenant-Colonel who fought in the American war of independence.

"NOT FAIR"  
Manhattan Beach, California, Mar. 29.  
Salvatore Giovali planned today to appeal against a ticket he received for over-parking.

He said he parked his car next to a parking meter pole that was minus the meter, but when he returned later a meter had been installed and a ticket attached to his motorcar. —United Press.

## Bulldozers Dig For Buried Gold

A Melbourne syndicate of wealthy business men is using bulldozers to dig for Inca gold in the sands of Queenscliff, one of Melbourne's headlands, according to reports from Melbourne.

And all because of a gold diver's "strike".  
The story of the gold they are seeking dates back 140 years ago when Peru and Chile were at war.

The ship Mary Dyer was loaded with gold and treasure from Peruvian cathedrals, kept there since Inca times, to be taken across the world for safety. Benito Benito, a freemason, captured the treasure ship but was chased by a British man-of-war. And the treasure was buried somewhere in the Queenscliff area.  
This might have remained a local legend but old-time sheep grazier, James Edwards, who acquired a reputation as a gold diver, "felt out" treasure in the sands.  
It had been talked about for years since Edwards died. Now a syndicate of seven, representing the Edwards family and their neighbours, bulldozers digging at the spot indicated by the old man.  
The local council at one time threatened to stop the work because so much sand was being shifted—until the syndicate offered to put it all back afterwards.  
That is all except the gold.

## Attack On Arab Village

## Jordan Plans To Raise Dispute At Security Council

Amman, Jordan, Mar. 29.  
Jordan will raise in the Security Council the question of the alleged Israeli attack on Nahaleen village, three miles inside Jordan, it was officially learned here today.

Jordan today accused Israeli forces of killing three and wounding five Jordan soldiers in an attack on the village at midnight last night. Unofficial reports here put the total at nine dead and 16 wounded.

The Israeli Prime Minister, Mr. Moshe Sharett, referred to the attack as "a local affair by way of reaction to the murder of a watchman in Kiasalon village, in the Jerusalem corridor, last Friday night."

The Jordan Cabinet is meeting for a second time today to discuss the incident. King Hussein was present at the first meeting.

All Arab diplomatic missions here were asked to inform their Governments of the incident.

An investigating Committee, including several United Nations observers, and members of the Mixed Armistice Commission visited the scene of the attack this morning.

The Nahaleen attack is the second large-scale outbreak between Arabs and Jews in the last fortnight. On Mar. 17 a Jewish bus was ambushed in Scorpion Pass, on the Negev highway, and 11 Jews were killed.

## ANOTHER ATTACK?

Other reports today said Juba, a Jordan village about 18 miles south-west of Jerusalem, was also attacked.

King Hussein has ordered medals for the officers and men who took part in the defence of Nahaleen village.

The King said he had taken all possible measures to strengthen the defence of frontier villages. He also expressed the hope that the rest of the Arab states would now do all they can to strengthen what he called "their first line of defence." —Reuter.

## DISCUSSIONS AT UNO

New York, Mar. 29.  
United Nations delegates of Britain, France and the United States today discussed the tense Israel-Jordan situation.

They met after receiving news of the latest incident—the attack on the Jordan village of Nahaleen, which resulted in nine deaths.

It was understood that the talks concerned the calling of a meeting of the Security Council to discuss the Israel-Jordan frontier situation. —Reuter.

## NO DATE FIXED

London, Mar. 29.  
The British Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden, told the House of Commons today the British Government was consulting with the French and United States Governments on the desirability of an early Security Council meeting to discuss the question of the borders of Israel. No date has yet been set for the meeting, he said.

Mr. Eden added that the Mixed Armistice Commission had convened an emergency meeting to investigate an attack on a Jordan village last night in which nine Jordanians had been killed and seventeen wounded.

In a broadcast picked up in Paris today, the Israeli Premier, Mr. Moshe Sharett, referring to Jordan reports that seven hundred Israeli soldiers took part in the raid, said the Arabs generally exaggerated when recounting such incidents.

Meanwhile the "Voice of the Arabs" broadcast from Cairo

## 43 DROWNED

New Delhi, Mar. 29.  
An Indian officer and forty-two soldiers and non-commissioned soldiers were accidentally drowned on the night of March 28-29 during military exercises which involved crossing a river in Jammu Province. Forty-two of the bodies have been recovered. It was officially stated today. —France-Press.

## Rocks, But Not Bullets

Albany, New York, Mar. 29.

A bill signed by Governor Thomas E. Dewey yesterday prohibits farmers from shooting at aircraft, whether in flight or on the ground.  
The bill was aimed at farmers who have taken pot-shots at planes flying low over their property and scaring their livestock.

An earlier version of the bill also restrained farmers from throwing rocks at aircraft. However, this clause was eliminated and rock throwing will be permitted. —United Press.

## Two Kidnapped Dutchmen Reported Safe

Macassar, Indonesia.

Two Dutchmen, kidnapped and believed killed by bandits near here, are alive and well teaching in schools in bandit territory, the local press here reported.

The papers said the two men, Mr. C. Van De Wetering and Mr. De Whani, had been kidnapped because the bandits wanted teachers.

One report added that the bandits—whose protested object is to establish a state based on rigid Muslim principles—thought their administration would not be complete without schools. So they forcibly occupied some buildings and announced these would become centres for Muslim learning.

They then found they did not have skilled teachers in some subjects, so they kidnapped the Dutchmen.

The bandits control a large part of the southern Celebes near Macassar despite Indonesian Army attempts to dislodge them. —China Mail Special.

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# Concluding The Adventure of the TWO WOMEN

## There was something terrible in that beautiful face

### WHAT HAS HAPPENED SO FAR

The Duchess of Carringford, widow of the late Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, is being blackmailed on the eve of the marriage of her daughter to a Cabinet Minister. She has been informed that her late husband made an early and secret marriage in France to a woman who is still alive—thus making the Duchess's own marriage bigamous and her daughter illegitimate. As the price of silence the blackmailer is demanding copies of state papers which belonged to the late Duke. Holmes suspects that a society woman, Edith von Lammerein, is a spy and behind the blackmail. He decides to break the law by entering Mme von Lammerein's house in order to examine the marriage documents. Watson agrees to accompany him. They get into the library and hide behind the window curtains...

THOUGH we were enveloped in a darkness smelling faintly of calfskin and old leather, I was conscious of a sense of space about me. The silence was profound, save for the measured ticking of a grandfather clock in the depth of the room.

Perhaps five minutes had dragged by when there came a sound from somewhere within the house followed by steps and a soft murmur of voices. A line of light gleamed for an instant beneath the edge of a door, vanished and, after a pause of some moments, slowly reappeared.

I CAUGHT the sound of swift footfalls, the line of light grew brighter. Then the door swung open and a woman, carrying a lamp in her hand, entered the room.

Though time tends to erase the sharp outline of past events, I recall as though it were but yesterday my first view of Edith von Lammerein.

Above the rays of an oil-lamp I beheld an ivory-tinted face with dark sombre eyes and a beautiful scarlet, remorseless mouth. Her hair, piled high upon her head and of a raven blackness, was set with a spray of osprey plumes clasped with

rubies, and beneath her bare neck and shoulders a magnificent gown of black sequins flashed and shimmered against the darkness.

For a moment she stood as though listening and then, closing the door behind her, she swept down the great room, her tall, slim shadow trailing behind her and the lamp in her hand casting a dim special glow along the booklined walls.

I do not know whether it was the rustle of the curtain that reached her ears, but, as Holmes stepped out into the room, she was round in an instant and, holding the lamp above her head so that the rays fell in our direction, she stood quite still and looked at us. There was not a trace of fear upon her ivory face but only fury and venom in the dark eyes that glared at us across that great silent chamber.

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"WHO are you?" she hissed. "What do you want?"

"Five minutes of your time, Madame von Lammerein," rejoined Holmes softly.

"So! I know my name. If you are not burglars, then what is it you seek? It would amuse me to hear before I raise the house."

Holmes pointed to her left hand. "I am here to examine those papers," said he, "and I warn you that I mean to do so. I beg that you will not make it necessary to prevent an outcry."

She thrust her hand behind her, her eyes blazing in her face.

## The new exploits of SHERLOCK HOLMES

By ADRIAN CONAN DOYLE

"You ruffian!" she cried. "Now I understand! You are Her Majesty's hired burglar." Then, with a swift movement, she craned forward, the lamp out-held before her, and, as she looked intently at my friend, I saw her expression of fury change into one of incredulity. A smile, as exultant as it was menacing, dawned slowly in her eyes.

"Mr Sherlock Holmes!" she breathed.

There was a touch of mortification in Holmes's manner as he turned away and lit the candles on an ornate side-table.

"The possibility of recognition had already occurred to me, Madame," said he.

"This will earn you five years," she cried with a flash of her white teeth.

"Perhaps, in that case, I must have my money's worth. The documents!"

"Do you imagine that you will accomplish anything by stealing them? I have copies and a dozen witnesses to their contents," she laughed throatily. "I had imagined you to be a clever man, but you are not."

"We shall see." He held out his hand and, with a sneer and a shrug, she resigned the documents to him. "I rely on you, Watson," my friend remarked quietly, stepping across to the side-table, "to prevent any collusion between Madame von Lammerein and the bell-ropes."

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BENEATH the glow of the candles, he read through the documents and then, holding them up against the light, he studied them intently, his lean, cadaverous profile cut in black silhouette against the luminous yellow parchment. Then he looked at me and my heart sank at the chagrin in his face.

"The watermark is English, Watson," he stated quietly. "But as paper of this make and quality was imported into France on a large scale fifty years ago, this does not help us. Alas, I fear the worst."

Mme von Lammerein indulged in a little peal of laughter. "Too much success had gone to your head, Mr Holmes," she jeered. "But this time you have blundered, as you will find to your cost."

My friend had spread the papers immediately below the candle flames and was bending over them again when I saw that a sudden change had taken place in his expression. The chagrin and annoyance that had clouded his face had gone, and in their place was a look of intense concentration.

His long nose seemed almost to smelt the paper as he stooped over it. When he straightened himself at last, I caught a gleam of excitement from his deep-set eyes.

"What do you make of this, Watson?" said he as I hastened to his side. He pointed to the writing that inscribed the details on both documents.

"It is a very legible hand," I said.

"The ink, man, the ink!" he cried impatiently.

"Well, it is black ink," I remarked, leaning over his shoulder. "But I fear that there is little to help us in that. I can show you a dozen old letters from my father written in a similar medium."

Holmes chuckled and rubbed his hands together. "Excellent, Watson, excellent!" he cried. "Now, kindly examine the name and the signature of Henry Corwyn Gladstone on the marriage certificate. And now look at the entry of his name in the Valence Church register, and

"They appear to be perfectly in order, and the signature is the same in both cases."

"Quite so. But the ink?"

"There is a shade of blue in it. Yes, certainly it is ordinary blue-black indigo ink. What then?"

"Every word in both documents is written in black ink, with the exception of the bridegroom's name and signature. Does not this strike you as curious?"

"Curious, perhaps, but by no means inexplicable. Gladstone was probably in the habit of using his own waistcoat inkpot."

Holmes rushed to a writing-desk in the window and, after rummaging for an instant, re-



turned with a quill and ink-stand in his hand. "Would you say that this is the same colour," he asked, dipping the quill and making a mark or two on the edge of the document.

"It is identical," I confirmed.

"Quite so. And the ink in this pot is blue-black indigo."

Mme von Lammerein, who had been standing in the background, darted suddenly for the bell-ropes, but before she had time to pull it Holmes's voice rang through the room.

"You have my word for it that if you touch that bell you are ruined," he said sternly. She paused with her hand upon the rope.

"What mockery is this!" she sneered. "Are you suggesting that Henry Gladstone signed his marriage documents at my desk? Why, you fool, everybody uses ink of that description."

"Largely true. But these documents are dated June 12, 1848."

"Well, what of that?"

"I fear that you have been guilty of a small error, Madame von Lammerein. The black ink that contains indigo was not invented until 1856."

There was something terrible in the beautiful face that glared at us across the circle of candle-light.

"You lie!" she hissed.

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HOLMES shrugged. "The Valence Church register, and the name of the bridegroom has been entered both in the register and in the page from the Valence Church register, and

the name of Henry Corwyn Gladstone substituted in its place.

"I have no doubt that, should the need arise, an examination under the microscope would show traces of the erasure. The ink itself is, however, conclusive proof and represents but another example that it is on the small easily-combusted paper, rather than on any basic flaw in the conception, that the most intricate plans crash to their ruin as the mighty vessel on the small but fatal point of rock. As for you, Madame, when I consider the full implications of your scheme against a defenceless woman, I am hard put to it to recall a more cold-blooded ruthlessness."

"What are you to insult a woman!"

"In scheming to destroy another should she refuse you her husband's secret papers, you have surrendered the prerogatives of a woman," he replied bitterly.

SHE LOOKED at us with an evil smile on her waxen face. "At least, you shall pay for it," she promised. "You have broken the law."

"True, and by all means pull the bell," said Sherlock Holmes. "My poor defence will be the provocation of forgery, attempted blackmail, and—mark the word—espionage. Indeed, as a measure of tribute to your gifts, I shall allow you exactly one week in which to leave this country. After then, the authorities will be warned against you."

There was a moment of tense stillness, and then without a word, Edith von Lammerein raised her white, shapely arm, and pointed silently towards the door.

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IT WAS past 11 o'clock next morning, and the breakfast things had not yet been cleared from the table. Sherlock Holmes, who had returned from an early excursion, had discarded his frock coat for an old smoking jacket, and now lounged in front of the fire cleaning the stems of his pipes with a long, thin bodkin that had originally come into his possession under circumstances with which I do not propose to harrow my readers.

"You have seen the Duchess?" I inquired.

"I have, and put her in possession of all the facts. Purely as a precautionary measure, she is lodging the documents inscribed with her husband's forged signature, together with my statement of the case, in the hands of the family lawyers. But she has nothing more to fear from Edith von Lammerein."

"Owing to you, my dear fellow," I cried warmly. "Well, well, Watson. The case was simple enough and the work its own reward."

I glanced at him keenly. "You look a bit fine-drawn, Holmes," I remarked. "You should get away into the country for a few days."

"Later on, perhaps. But I cannot leave town until Madame has departed from these shores, for she is a person of singular address."

"That is a very fine pearl which you are wearing in your cravat. I do not remember seeing it before."

MY FRIEND picked up two letters from the mantel-piece and tossed them across to me. "They arrived while you were absent on your round," said he.

The one, which bore the address of Carringford House, ran thus:

"To your chivalry, to your courage, a woman owes her all, and such a debt is beyond reward. Let this pearl, the ancient symbol of Faith, be the token of the life that you have given back to me. I shall not forget."

The other, which had neither address nor signature, ran: "We shall meet again, Mr Sherlock Holmes. I shall not forget."

"It is all in the point of view," chuckled Holmes, "and I have yet to meet the two women who look from the same angle."

Then, throwing himself into his chair, he reached out lazily for his most obnoxious pipe.

World Copyright Reserved. Another previously untold Sherlock Holmes exploit—The Adventure of the Abbot's Baby—starts on Saturday.



LYTTTELTON AS SEEN BY THE BRITISH 'LEFT' AS SEEN BY THE BRITISH IN KENYA

## WHEAT MAY BECOME DRUG ON MARKET

By Ronald Boxall

WHEAT, the most basic of basic foodstuffs, looks like becoming a drug on the market.

In a little over three months' time—the end of the current crop year—there will be more than 40 million metric tons of it in store in the chief producing countries.

With this, the world export trade in wheat could carry on at its present rate without interruption for another two years—even if farmers in the United States, Canada, Australia and Argentina did not produce a single grain.

It could satisfy all the import demands of Britain and the Colonies for eight years. Or it could supply Britain's total needs for five years.

What piled up this enormous surplus? Like so many other current economic problems, this takes us back to the Korean war.

### Cutting Back

When that war broke out in the summer of 1950, the United States was cutting back its wheat production after several years of all-out effort to satisfy the huge, post-world war demand for more food.

The Korean threat to world peace forced the American Government to reverse this policy. Result was that, by 1952, the U.S. was again growing wheat at the all-out rate.

Meanwhile other nations were also building up strategic reserves and offering their own farmers extra inducements to grow more at home.

Hardly the Korean war was localized, and as world tensions eased, the countries

which had been stockpiling wheat began eating into it. The running down of stocks coincided with two excellent harvests in nearly all producing countries.

Canada increased its yields by leaps and bounds. In the ten years from 1939 to 1948, an acre yielded 17.4 bushels. By 1952, this had grown to 26.5 bushels. Thus, although the acreage of land under wheat has remained virtually unchanged since 1935, Canadian crops have increased more than twofold.

The first steps have already been taken to remedy the surplus.

### Fall in Prices

In the United States, the area sown with wheat this year is 62 million acres, against 78 million acres last season. Control has been imposed over the amount a farmer is allowed to market from each acre of his land.

The farmers chose this restriction rather than accept a reduction in the minimum price guaranteed to them by their Government.

Naturally, there has been a fall in prices. The basic type has dropped from \$2.18 (Canadian) per bushel last February to \$1.79 dollars.

In such a situation, some experts believe that the importing countries should reduce prices guaranteed to their own farmers.

There is plainly room for such a reduction in some countries. Italy, for example, guarantees its farmers \$3.29 a bushel, compared with a price equivalent to \$2.87 guaranteed to British farmers and \$2.20 to Americans.

Again, wheat has been

Government for non-dollar currencies to help countries that have defence programmes.

Another way of disposing of surplus stocks is to give the wheat away to needy cases. This has been done by the United States and also by Canada—the latter through the Colombo Plan.

But, useful though these methods are, they won't solve the long-range problem. The long-range difficulty takes another form. Looking ahead, perhaps ten or twenty years, the signs are that the world will have, not a wheat surplus, but a serious shortage.

In the first place, we cannot be sure that recent favourable climatic conditions in North America will continue indefinitely. There have been bad crops in the past, and there will be again. When that happens, the world will need big stocks to fall back upon.

### Adequate Diet

Even without crop failures, it will prove difficult to satisfy the needs of countries like India. Two years ago, India had 362 million people; seven years hence, it will have 410 million; ten years later, 460 million.

A famous Indian economist has estimated that, by 1961, India will need an additional 15 million tons of food. Even if its present agricultural production is completed on schedule, they will provide only another 5 million tons. That will leave 10 million tons to be imported.

And India is not the only country where population is outstripping the increase in home food production.

A Canadian grain firm has estimated that half the world's population hasn't enough to eat to make up an adequate diet. They would need another half pound of bread a day.

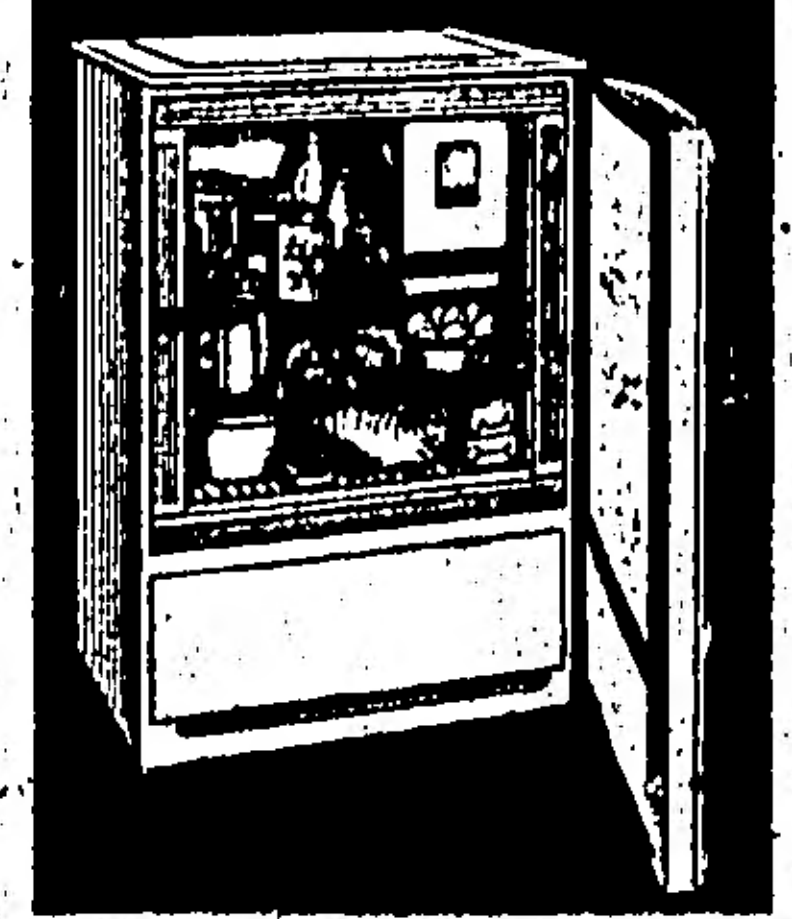
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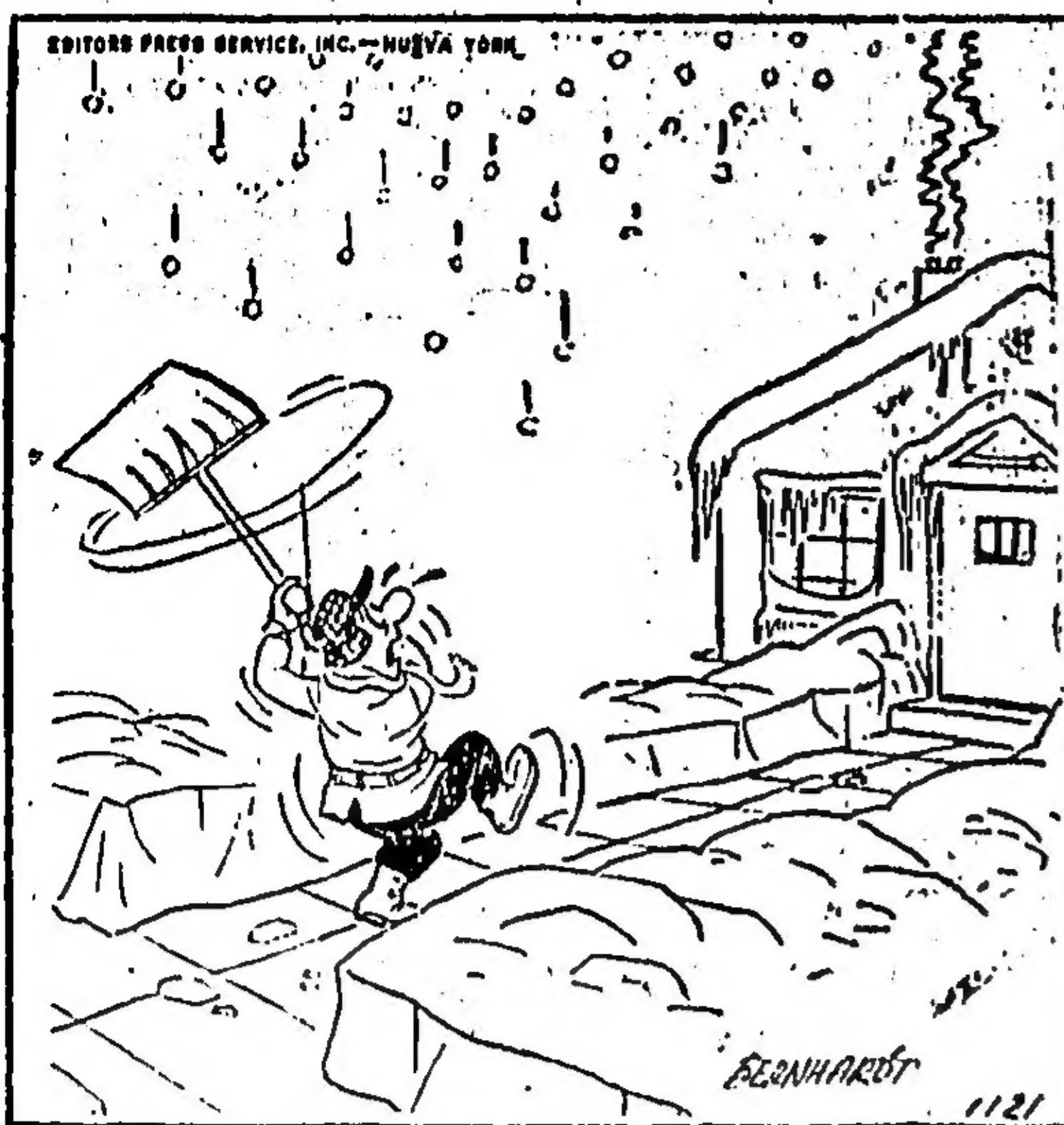
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## JACOB'S BRIDGE

Luck Plays A Part In Today's Contract

By OSWALD JACOBY

TODAY'S contract was a bit ambitious, since South stood to lose a spade, a heart, and two clubs with normal distribution and normal play. If we weren't kind to the boys, we might have a sharp word or two to say to North, for his overbidding.

South won the opening diamond lead in his own hand with the ace and led a heart. East captured dummy's queen with the ace of hearts and returned a diamond. Look the other way quickly, because this was a mistake. East could have saved the day by returning any black card.

South won with the queen of diamonds, drew two more rounds of trumps, and then led a spade. He still didn't know how he was going to play the hand, but luck now

"No, No, NO!"

## BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

C. SUET, Esq., and Mimsie Sloper met by accident yesterday in Mimsie's boutique. Suet stopped dead and lowered his eyes. Mimsie lowered hers and blushed to the roots of her hair.

They exchanged a non-committal good-afternoon in Mimsie's boutique, a big one in Suet's office. Suet's well-known name, save for the usual din of the traffic, the whistling of planes, the hum of a refrigerator, and the hum of a vacuum cleaner, was the only sound in the room. Suet cleared his throat and said, "I'm just off in a meeting of the Friends of the East of Living Index." Mimsie looked at him and said, "I'm just off in a meeting of the Friends of the East of Living Index." Mimsie looked at him and said, "I'm just off in a meeting of the Friends of the East of Living Index."

### Technicolour bar

AN objection to the making of a film of a dog show in Technicolour seems to indicate that there should be a pull held on whether to show the slow-motion film of the cricket in the West Indies in Technicolour, or not. To bring the excitement to fever pitch, I would conclude the film and show the dog show in Technicolour.

### Little Bo-peet

"DAD-DY, why are prices going up again?"

"Because wages have gone up."

"And why did wages go up?"

"Because prices went up."

"How can this be?"

"By getting every-one to work harder."

"Then why are prices going up every day for working too hard?"

"Oh, go to sleep, you little runt!"

### Marginal note

AN industrialist has suggested that he liberally plastered with notices telling everyone to work harder. I wonder if he read the story of the tailor's cutter who was fired by his union the other day for cutting two suits more in a week than the stipulated number.

## YOUR BIRTHDAY... By STELLA

TUESDAY, MARCH 30

BORN today, you are a great deal of independence and originality. You are very accurate in everything you do and can be trusted to carry any project through to a successful completion. Although you like to do things your own way, you are also a very capable worker with others when it is necessary. You like people who are able to manage their own affairs.

You are probably talented in the arts, especially in anything which calls for the use of color and design. You women are fine home-makers and will always have a beautifully decorated and furnished house. You take delight in having everything perfectly harmonious. You have a magnetic personality and will have a number of suitors from which to make your choice of a marriage partner. Your ties of friendship are very strong.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—Change is not the best thing for you today. Leave things as they are. If you want the results to be favorable.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 20)—Cheerfulness will bring good rewards just now. Smile and the world will smile with you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)—Keep your eyes on your objective and you should be able to attain your anticipated goal at this time.

CANCER (June 22-July 23)—It is likely that this month's ending will bring an optimistic outlook for the future. Make plans for the future.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—Finish up important work efficiently and you will have real satisfaction in seeing a chore well done.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—Be sure of yourself but avoid overconfidence. This can lead you to serious trouble. Just wait.

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—If you have been waiting for just the right time to make a decision, this may be the moment.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 23)—Stand up for your rights even if it means stepping off the fence of neutrality for the time being.

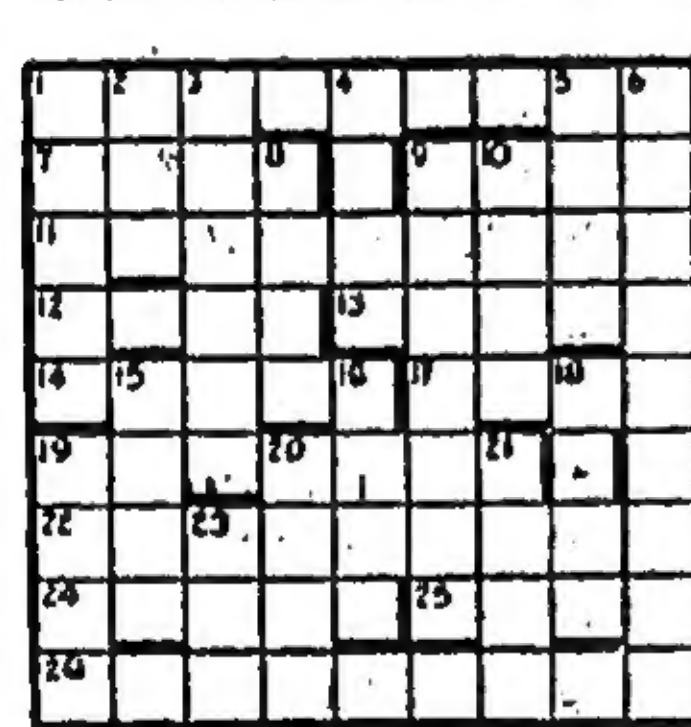
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 24-Dec. 23)—The question of budgeting may come up for review. If you didn't do this month, plan better for the one ahead.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 24-Jan. 20)—If you diligently take care of the job at hand, something new and better—perhaps more exciting—may turn up tomorrow.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—This is a good time to take stock and see if you have accomplished your aims and goals. Weigh assets against liabilities.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—The dividends you get out of life,

## CROSSWORD



1. He who did this was proverbially lost. (4)
2. Most of the river in Bucks. (4)
3. Three wise men came from this country. (1, 3)
4. I am a word with a nod, a bow, a lift of the eyebrows, and a smile. (6)
5. He is given dignity, but they're beneath you. (6)
6. Just a little more, but they're beneath you. (6)
7. A word for a ton—except on the sea. (6)
8. Printers have them, as well as devils. (6)
9. Cross-country street. (7)
10. A word for a Scout. (6)
11. Driftless kind is reputedly pure. (4)
12. A growing terror, if taken with a dash. (4)
13. Down
14. Takes over for a time, on payment. (6)
15. It's hidden—or should be—from all but a few. (6)
16. Labels and accompanies along. (6)
17. You take yours when you relax. (6)
18. It's often to be found on Pare. (6)
19. This call may mark the beginning of the day. (4)
20. Hollywood specialty. (6)
21. A kind of smallness. (4)
22. A word for a smallness. (4)
23. The turtle and the hare have something in common when it comes to necking pullovers. (4)
24. A tiny feather. (4)
25. A word for a smallness. (4)
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## CARD SENSE

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LEARIE CONSTANTINE ON

# The Importance Of Learning To Lift The Ball

By HAROLD MAYES

"Cricket did much to cement the friendliness of Empire, to bring white and coloured people closer together. Just as easily in present circumstances it can disintegrate that friendliness, according to what we hear from the West Indies."

Who said that? Why, none other than Learie Constantine, the most colourful of all West Indian cricketing personalities ever to grace the world's cricket grounds.

Let's face it. This MCC tour has been far from a pleasant one. Bottle-throwing and bickering are hardly the kind of thing one associates with the sport whose very name is borrowed to indicate playing the game.

## THEY DIDN'T CRY

Protests concerning umpires' decisions have been all through. But they reached a climax in the Port of Spain Test when little Everton Weekes went on to score 200 after the Englishmen claimed that he should have been out to a Dick Spooner catch off Trevor Bailey's bowling when he had made 43.

According to reports, no England side has ever been so incensed as the present one about "unjust" decisions. With those facts in mind, I sought out Constantine to ask him for his views.

"Even before the tour began," he told me, "I received letters saying that the white population regarded England victories as being essential to them. When that kind of approach is abroad, does it seem possible that cricket can be played in accordance with the normal traditions of good taste and good sportsmanship?"

"All right. Umpires have made mistakes in the West Indies. Let's admit that the general standard is not so good as it is in England, but here all the umpires are old players of long experience. But haven't

there been umpiring mistakes in England, and in Australia, too. In the last Test of the 1950 series between West Indies and England, at the Oval, Len Hutton made 202 not out. The West Indians were pretty certain he had been caught in the 40's and they were pretty mad about it. But did they cry about it? No.

"There was the time, too, when Johnny Ikin 'caught' Don Bradman, and he went on to make a big score. But was there all this fuss about it? No. We've also heard complaints about low decisions when the batsman has had his left leg right down the wicket. Why anyone should complain about those I don't know, for in the West Indies, where the ball 'moves' so little, it is possible for a man to have his leg yards down the wicket and still be in the line of sight," he added.

## REMEDIES

What do the white folk out there say about it? I have a letter before me which states: "It is not surprising that umpiring is poor after what happened in British Guiana (the bottle-throwing). What is perhaps surprising is that anyone is willing to stand."

"There is a tendency to judge all Englishmen by the individual members of the touring party. This applies more in West Indies than in any other place. And there is certainly one member of the party who has not been the best possible advertisement for his country."

"Another unpleasant factor from the point of view of English players is the number of white people who approach them and make it clear that their future prosperity depends on English success."

Which, after all, adds up to what Constantine is saying about it. What remedies would he suggest?

"To play cricket to win, and get on with the job of doing it," he says. "My people were brought up on a different attitude, and they know how to appreciate it. If it's given to them, it will push everything else into the background. The plain, simple truth is that English cricketers appear to have forgotten how to play

to win. They now play not to lose, and that's good enough. Under those circumstances, where they work on the assumption that if a batsman stays there long enough the runs will come, six days isn't enough for a Test match. I doubt whether even ten days will be sufficient, because the runs just don't come.

## "GET ON WITH IT"

"That's the kind of approach which takes the enjoyment out of cricket, for players and spectators. When the enjoyment's gone it leaves the way open for all kinds of undercurrents. Cricketers should learn to get on with the game, and take the rough with the smooth, the good decisions with the bad, because they come round to everyone in turn," he added.

Finally, I asked the man who ranks as just about the most dynamic player of all time—whatever he was doing on cricket field he put so much into his job that one couldn't help watching him—what he thought had gone wrong with English cricket. His answer was most emphatic.

"Coaching from the cradle to the grave," he replied. "If you coach a boy when he's small he hasn't the power to lift the ball, and so he becomes steeped in defensive shots. And if he has never known the exhilaration of lifting the ball, he can never really know how to enjoy his cricket."

Will it certainly look as if Learie's got something there!

## Irish Games Popular In Australia

Sydney, Mar. 29. In the picturesque harbour city of Sydney, the Irish games of hurling and Gaelic football are gaining steadily in popularity.

Introduced into Australia early last year by an Irish convict, Thomas Meenan of Tulla, County Clare, the games now are played in a regular winter competition by the descendants of Irish migrants.

And on Australia's south coast, in Melbourne, Gaelic football is well established as one of the most popular of the minor sports although only seven teams compete. Last year as many people saw the grand final of the Gaelic football competition in Melbourne as saw the Aussie's vaunted tennis players whip the United States in the Davis Cup.

But an even better indication of the appeal that this sporting Irish football has for sports-minded Australians is given by the crowds, totalling nearly half a million, that watch a fast, tough and spectacular descendant of the Irish game—Australian Rules football—in the southern States each Saturday.

## HIGH STANDARD

The standard of play in hurling has reached such a high level "Down Under" that plans have been laid to invite a crack Irish team to tour Australia, playing a series of exhibition games against local teams. But the Secretary of the New South Wales Gaelic Athletic Association, Mr Patrick O'Malley, told the United Press that lack of finance might cause postponement of the tour.

Attendances are normally not big enough to allow the Association to build a sizeable financial reserve, although 11,000 people attended the Sydney Sports Ground for the hurling final last season. The Premier of New South Wales, Laborite Joseph Cahill, a former hurling player, officially started the game.

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## Carruthers' Eye Badly Cut In Warm-Up Fight

Sydney, Mar. 29. Australian Jimmy Carruthers, who is to defend his world bantamweight title against Chamroen Songkritrat, of Thailand, in Bangkok on May 2, out-pointed Bobby Sinn, Australian Bantamweight Champion, in a 12 rounds overweight contest here tonight.

Carruthers fought with a badly cut eye from the third round to decisively beat Sinn.

The champion's eye bled so freely that at the end of the sixth round Carruthers' manager, Dr John McGill, went to his corner to see whether the contest should continue. After the fight Carruthers had two stitches put in the wound.

Carruthers announced after the fight that he would be ready for his title bout with Songkritrat.

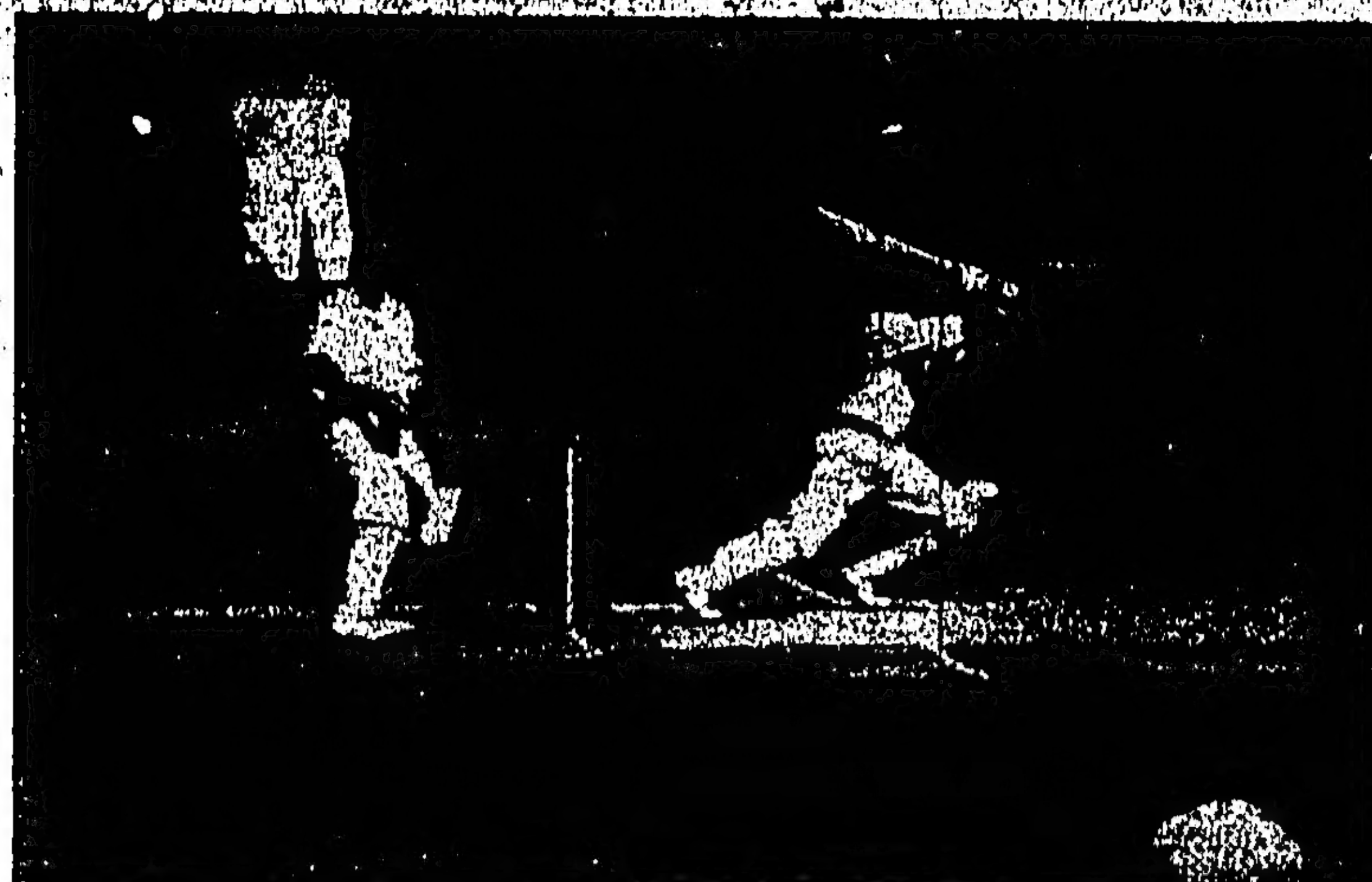
Fighting for the first time since he retained his title against American Henry Gault last November, Carruthers found Sinn a tough opponent. Sinn fought furiously in the first few rounds, but Carruthers went on to build up a big points lead by superior boxing.

In the closing stages Sinn tried hard for a knockout but he could not shake Carruthers who retaliated with some stinging attacks.—Reuter.

## SONOKITRAT WINS

Bangkok, Mar. 29. The Australian bantamweight boxer, Kevin James, was knocked out by Chamroen Songkritrat at the Rajadamnern stadium last night in the first of the sixth round. The Thai winner is expected to meet Jimmy Carruthers for the title of May 22.—Reuter.

ON HIS WAY TO A DOUBLE CENTURY



Double-century-maker Everton Weekes beautifully cuts Bailey for four during his innings in the Fourth Test match between the West Indies and the MCC at Trinidad.—Central Press Photo.

## 51 Entries For Junior Badminton Championships

By "ARGONAUT"

Fifty-one entries have been received for the various events of the Colony Junior Badminton Championships which are scheduled to begin at the Talkoo Club on Thursday, April 1.

Though the Junior Championships have attracted the same total number of entries this year as last season, the Junior Ladies' Singles event will not be competed for in the forthcoming Championships for lack of sufficient entries.

Support has also been disappointing in the Ladies' Junior Doubles event with only four pairs participating. A compensating feature of this season's Championships, however, is the increased number of entries received for the Men's Junior Singles, Men's Junior Doubles and Junior Mixed Doubles events.

An exceptionally high standard of play is expected especially in the Men's Junior Singles, in which the four top-seeded berths have been given to last year's runner-up Francis Rozario, St. Teresa's Champion, Johnny Pomeroy Jr., 1951 runner-up Joseph Foo and the current Schoolboys' Champion, Ko Wai-bong, are seeded in the Junior Singles.

Two other outstanding players in this season's League, P. V. Yap of Craigengower and Bernard Brown of Rectory, who narrowly missed the seeded spots, have been unlucky to be drawn against each other in the first round and this clash will be the highlight of the opening matches of the singles event.

The Junior Championship games will be played at Rectory on Mondays, at Craigengower on Tuesdays and Fridays, at St. Talkoo on Wednesdays and at Talkoo on Thursdays. They are expected to be concluded by April 15.

## THE DRAW

The following is the full draw and the programme of the first two nights' games:

### Men's Junior Singles

Top half  
F. M. Rozario (bye); B. A. Brown v. P. V. Yap; K. Yung (bye) v. S. T. Hool

## HOME RUGGER RESULTS

Yorkshire beat Cumberland 9-5 in a Rugby League County Championship match played at Whitehaven today.

Rugby Union results today were:  
Newbridge 6, Cross Keys 3.  
Ebbw Vale 3, Llanelly 0.  
Pontypool 9, Blenavon 8.—Reuter.

## HOLE-IN-ONE

John F. Shoemaker held his Tee-shot at the 179 yards second hole on the New Course at Fanning on Sunday, a number five iron giving him his first Ace whilst playing a friendly game in the afternoon. The event was duly celebrated in the Club House in the usual manner.

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## English Soccer Needs A Complete "Boss Man"

Says DESMOND HACKETT

English football will not be restored to the old Golden Age of world mastery until we name a Soccer Dictator, a manager who is allowed to manage—a complete boss man.

And on this very day in London when the League team chiefs assemble for the great pow-wow with the Football Association on how to improve Soccer, the suggestion will go up from the League managers: Let us have an England Football Fuehrer.

Finding the man to lead us back to the old glory of English football is another problem.

Man of the moment bearing the title of team manager is Walter Winterbottom. But his powers of command are limited to getting the team together, the odd day or so before the match, running a fairly matutiny tactics talk, and acting as guide and escort when the Soccer men of England journey abroad.

All right, then, let Walter Winterbottom be given first chance of taking over full control. Let him submit his own teams to the selectors instead of the present situation in which he has no say at all.

This is the kind of dialogue that I should love to hear this afternoon.

Football managers: No man can be expected to run a team unless he has full control. Give an England team manager freedom to pick the men he thinks will best fit into his plan of play.

## TIME FACTOR

Football Association: Fine! But if he is allowed to pick the players to match his scheme he would have to have that team together more often than the League clubs permit.

Managers: The present programme leaves so little spare time after the League fight for points and exhausting Cup ties and replays, and now those extra "B" team matches that have been slipped in.

F. A.: But you still manage to get in a fair number of floodlight matches. Surely the players could be spared three or four days in each month of the season. After all they would still be doing training.

Managers: Well, let us agree that if we are prepared to release the players, you will appoint a full time national manager who will also be No. 1 selector.

Ah well, perchance to dream, but this looks like being the only answer to the Mid-century sports question: What is wrong with English Soccer?

## THAT DOUBLE

As leading champion of West Bromwich Albion's League and Cup double bid I had to step

## Statham Unfit For Fifth Test

Kingston, Jamaica, Mar. 30.

Brian Statham, the Lancashire pace bowler, failed to pass a fitness test for a rib muscle injury and will not play for England against the West Indies in the fifth cricket Test beginning here today.

If Laker is fit after an injury, England's team will be L. Hutton, T. E. Bailey, P. B. May, D. C. Compton, W. Watson, T. W. Graveney, T. G. Evans, G. A. Lock, J. C. Laker, J. H. Wardle and F. S. Trueman.

If Laker is unfit, Alan Moss, the Middlesex fast medium bowler, will probably play. The West Indies lead by two wins to one with one draw, and England must win the fifth Test to draw the series.—Reuter.

## CELTIC BEAT STIRLING

London, Mar. 29. Celtic beat Stirling Albion by four goals to nil in a re-arranged Scottish League Division "A" match today.

The match should have been played last Saturday, but Celtic were engaged in the Scottish Cup semi-final with Motherwell.—Reuter.

## FANLING GOLF

The final for the Smalley Cup was played last week over 18 holes on the Old Course at Fanning between J. O. Pole-Hunt and H. Small. The latter player won a very even match by one up, the lead changed hands several times and J. O. Pole-Hunt is now considered to be a fine performer. Gross Medal Scores were H. Small 74, J. O. Pole-Hunt 78.

K. S. Robertson, won the Stableford competition on the Old Course with an excellent return of 40 points, runner-up was W. A. Johnson with 37 and D. L. Anderson occupied third place with 36.

The winner on the New Course was A. D. Duffy with a return of 38 points. Dr. J. B. Mackie being second with 36.

## MEDAL SCORES

The following were the best Medal scores returned during the weekend:—

Old Course—K. S. Robertson 79-12=87; A. V. Gosau 81-20=101; W. A. Johnson 88-21=109; D. L. Anderson 76-4=80.

New Course—A. D. Duffy 76-8=84; A. Middle 82-14=96; C. P. Bate 84-24=108; Dr. J. B. Mackie 82-9=91.

A. L. Duffy's return shows a one under par for the last nine while Dr. J. B. Mackie's card was spelt by a nine on the ninth.

The Ladies' Spring Meeting is being held at Fanning today and tomorrow (Tuesday and Wednesday) and the Courses at the Fanning have been granted during various periods when competitions are being held. The times set apart for these may be seen in the Caddie Master's room. The Old Course will, however, be free on Wednesday afternoon.

Members of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club are reminded that the Rail Bus will not run on Sunday, April 4, owing to exceptionally heavy traffic being expected during the Club's Spring Festival.

Entry lists are now posted in Clubhouses for the Shanghai Visitors' Cup, a thirty-lax hole medal competition to be played on handicap at Fanning on Easter Sunday—maximum allowance being eighteen strokes. April 4, is the closing day for entries for the Shek-O match and entry lists for the Club Services' Annual games will be posted shortly. Entries in all these competitions may be made by telephone to the Club, as well as at Clubhouses.

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# BLIND O'REILLY

By HENRY LONGHURST

My attention has been drawn, as people say in writing angry letters to the newspapers, having read the item for themselves and already ordered a dozen copies—to the curious case of the Australian Test bowler, W. O'Reilly.

Reaching the age where adults no longer play cricket, he took, naturally enough, to golf. Now, aged only 48, he has taken, it seems, to bowls.

"I have had just enough games to whet the appetite and I plan to play regularly," he is reported as saying. "It is a better game than golf." A deplorable utterance of which one can only say charitably that the bias must have entered his soul.

I seem surrounded this week by references to persons, who, literally or in the O'Reilly sense, are unable to see the light. Here, for instance, is a correspondent from an unpronounceable and most westerly address in South Wales, who "last hit a golf ball on the Coopers Institute course in Zanzibar in 1910," telling me of the singular episode—it sounds like a Sherlock Holmes title—of the Black Boy, The Cynolfer, and The Roman Catholice Priest.

Somewhere about 1930 Father Beant, the priest in charge of Barbador, found that he was going blind and set about preparing himself in various ways. He was addicted to golf and pondered on the proposition that there might be some basic principle, which, if mastered, would enable him still to hit the ball when blind.

He got hold of some of those little picture books which, when flicked rapidly in the fingers, give a cinematograph impression.

"One of these books," says my correspondent, "showed a man (I think his name was Bobbie Jones) using a driver." I think his name... oh, well, let it pass!

At any rate, the Rev. Father discovered that the Rev. Father turned, as it were, within a cylinder—whereupon he fashioned one, sought out a small black boy, set him inside it, put a club in his hand and promised him a penny to hit golf balls.

Every day the boy reported for duty, got into the master cylinder, and hit balls. They went straight. Eventually the cylinder was removed and they still went straight, to such good effect that the judicious cleric was able to augment the church funds by taking the boy to the golf club and betting the members that he could hit a ball so straight that it would pass within 18 inches of the direction post.

The tale, alas, has an unhappy ending for Father Beant, having gone blind, found that, if a friend placed his club for him, he could in

## Paris-To-Tokyo Motor Cyclist Returns Home

Paris, Mar. 29. Sports fans gathered in the centre of Paris today to give an enthusiastic welcome to Antoine Voulon on his return from Tokyo after covering in three months about 9,815 miles on his 1-cv motor cycle.

Voulon had left Paris on September 25, 1953, and reached Tokyo last February 25 after 92 days, riding through Switzerland, Italy, Greece, Yugoslavia, Syria, Iraq, West Pakistan, India, East Pakistan, Burma, Thailand, Cambodia, Vietnam and Cochinchina.

Voulon said in Burma he escaped being attacked by a fierce bullock by throwing himself into a ditch and by two huge crocodiles as he was crossing a river by scurrying up to the bank.

He said he received a big welcome in Iraq and above all in Tokyo into which he made a triumphal entry flanked by hundreds of motor cyclists who decorated their machines with the French colours. One official, he said, travelled 500 miles to welcome him on behalf of the authorities.

He left Tokyo two weeks ago, flying back to Nice in Southern France, and when he was 700 miles from Paris he climbed back on his machine to motor into the capital—France-Press.

### NOTICE

#### KOWLOON CRICKET CLUB

As an aftermath to a cricket match between H.M.S. Newcastle and the K.C.C., a CONCERT & DANCE will be held at the K.C.C. on SATURDAY, APRIL 3, 1954 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

A feature of the evening will be performances by members of H.M.S. Newcastle Concert Party.

Admission \$3 (including light refreshments). Table booking open at the Clubhouse.

# James Park Visits Charlie Elliott's Stable In France



Chantilly conference—CHARLIE ELLIOTT, COMTE DE BRIGNAC, the stable manager, and JAMES PARK.

For the first time we shall, this season, see in the racing returns: "Winner trained by C. Elliott." No more shall we be waxing eloquent about the brilliant technique of Elliott, the jockey. At least not in England.

As is well known, Charlie Elliott has become private trainer to M. Marcel Boussac, at Chantilly in France. In that country a licence may be granted to train and ride—but this will not cover England.

So I asked Elliott what he intended to do. "I shall take out a jockey's licence," he told me, "but I am not certain to ride. It will all depend on whether there may be an odd occasion when my services will be required."

That is what I had expected. As Elliott has 50 horses to look after.

### ENTHUSIASM

Elliott has plunged into his new profession with the greatest enthusiasm.

"I have nothing good enough to run in the 2,000 Guineas," he told me, "but hope to have a runner in the 1,000 Guineas. I might have from eight to ten runners at Ascot and if all goes well, I shall be represented in some of the more valuable weight-for-age races in England."

Of the horses above three years of age the greatest hopes are reposed in the four-year-old Janitor. He was so badly struck into the Prix de Triomphe that it was thought he would never run again. The flesh at the back of the neck foreleg was stripped in ribbons to the fetlock and cut to the tendon.

It was sewn up the same night and a wonderful job, has been done. The mark is still to be seen, but the colt is cantering and shows no fear of using the injured limb.

The programme mapped out for Janitor is the Hardwicke Stakes at Royal Ascot, the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Stakes at Ascot and the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe.

The accident has in no way interfered with the physical development of Janitor. A year ago I said he stood out amongst the Boussac three-year-olds. There is no doubt in my mind that he will be the best four-year-old in France at a mile and a half. He will not be asked to race beyond that distance.

Plans for the Gold Cup at Ascot depend on how Talmali, Aram and Annapurna fare in their respective preparations. I had written off Talmali as a back number. He seemed a tired horse all last year. Now he appears to have taken a new lease of life and is more full of himself than at any time since the staggering victory in the St. Leger.

Elliott is hopeful. I won't say more than that.

## Malaya's Shuttle Champions In United States

New York, Mar. 28. Visiting badminton champions from Malaya made their first public appearance in the United States yesterday when they staged exhibition games at the New York Badminton Club courts in the 62nd Street Armory.

About 600 spectators watched the games, which are being held preliminary to the United States badminton championships, to be played at the Niagara Falls Country Club April 7 through 11.

In yesterday's feature match Ooi Teik Hock and Ong Poh Lim beat Eddie and David Choong 15-5, 15-10 to repeat their victory of last week when they won the All-England championships in London.

In other matches, Hock beat Mandu Natakari 15-7 and Eddie Choong beat T. N. Seth 15-12. —United Press.

## Seixas Wins U.S. "Good Neighbour" Tennis Singles

Miami Beach, Mar. 28. Top-seeded Vic Seixas of Philadelphia rallied today to defeat Art Larsen of San Leandro, California, 3-6, 13-11, 7-6, 6-3, and capture the men's singles title of the "Good Neighbour" tennis tournament for the second straight year.

Larsen teamed with Sidney Schwartz of Fort Lee, Virginia, in the men's doubles final and lost to Hugo Stewart of Los Angeles and Hal Burrows of Charlottesville, Virginia, 6-4, 7-5. —United Press.

## Hashim Khan Wins Open Squash Title

London, Mar. 29. Hashim Khan of Pakistan won the British Open Squash Championships today when he beat the Indian player, K. L. Singh, 3-0. The final was played at the Royal Albert Hall, London, and was watched by a large audience.

# THE MOST TALKED ABOUT TRAINER IN RACING

By GEORGE WHITING

All you have to do, if you want to meet the most successful and the most talked-about racehorse trainer in the world, is to patrol the 30 yards of cobbles between Charlie Ryan's bar and Mrs McDonagh's haberdashery shop in Newbridge, hard by the Downlands of the Curragh, and some 25 miles west of Dublin on the rambling road to Cork via Kildare.

Sooner or later, a squat, jovial countryman, crying "horse" with every waddling step, will appear at the door of the Central Hotel. He's your man—P. J. (Paddy) Prendergast, the 48-year-old Irish genius who seemingly has only to whisper to a thoroughbred to make it emulate a bullet.

A swift appraisal by shrewd eyes, and then you are asked in for a drink. Tea. Trainer Prendergast has a palate for the peaty broth of old Ireland—but only in the depths of winter. With the approach of the "flat," he perches immovably on the wagon.

### FINGERS CROSSED

Prendergast became a centre of international sports controversy when, four months ago, he was informed by the Jockey Club Stewards at Newmarket that he would not be permitted to enter any more horses on the sacrosanct turf of England—a decision which aroused indignation in every man, woman, and horse in Ireland.

For months Mr P. has wisely kept his fingers crossed and his mouth shut in the hope of a reprieve. Quickly he makes it plain that you are wasting your time if you hope to tempt from him one word of protest or complaint. But he does it with a chuckle, and a giggled-eyed astonishment that the Jockey Club are not the only people to throw him out of England. The last time, it was the police.

### DEPORTED

Yes, we actually deported trainer Prendergast 14 years ago—at the time of the IRA bombs in pillar-boxes and similar political pranks. He had taken, my wife, Josephine, and my daughter Elaine, home to Ireland when war broke out," he told me. "But I came back to Liverpool in October 1940 to join the RAF. They turned me down. So did your Army."

Then, friend of mine, Detective Jack Sheehan, called at my hotel with a yellow paper in his hand and with a face as long as the Cessawich.

## Police Reserves Annual Revolver And Rifle Shoot

The Police Reserve Rifle & Revolver Club held their Annual Shoot last Sunday, at the H.K. Gun Club, Tean Wan. A good turnout of members and keen competition helped to make the shoot a very exciting and enjoyable one. Colour and gaiety were lent to the occasion by the presence of members' wives and lady friends. Results were:

38 Revolver Event on Blaisy Line: 1. Yu Ki Leung 70; 2. H. O. To 73.  
32 Rifle Event—2 targets: 1. M. Quincey Wong 100 (possibly a typo); 2. William K. Y. Yu 98 and 98.  
33 Revolver: Tiles Event—teams of 3: 1. won by H. O. To, S. K. Shui and M. Quincey Wong, score, 11 hits out of 15 tiles.  
Novelty Shoot—won by Ramon Young, score, 4 hits out of 5. Wooden boxes went to S. W. Leung and Y. W. Wong.

## WEEK-END HOCKEY

The following are the fixtures for all Divisions of the Hockey League this week-end.

**Saturday**  
Ladies' Division—KGV 'B' v Victorians on Police Ground Boundary St. at 3 p.m. (Umpires: WOJ Richardson, L/Cpl Moore).  
**Sunday**  
Ladies' First Division—Recreo 'A' v KGV 'A' on Recreio Ground at 3.30 p.m. (Umpires: E. J. Corden, G. J. Palmer, M. J. Moore).  
Men's First Division—YMCA v RN on Police Ground, Boundary St. at 10 a.m. (Umpires: J. B. Gonzalez, P. J. Xavier).  
Recreo 'A' v Army 'A' on Recreio Ground at 4.45 p.m. (Umpires: G. J. Palmer, M. J. Moore).  
Men's Second Division—Recreo 'B' v Valley Sports HC on Police Ground, Boundary St. at 10 a.m. (Umpires: M. J. Moore, M. J. Moore).  
Thunders 'B' v St. Joseph's on Police Ground, Boundary St. at 10.30 a.m. (Umpires: K. L. Lall, WOJ Ball).  
**April 11**  
Men's Second Division—Recreo 'B' v Valley Sports HC on Police Ground, Boundary St. at 10 a.m. (Umpires: M. J. Moore, M. J. Moore).  
Men's Third Division—Recreo 'C' v Valley Sports HC on Police Ground, Boundary St. at 10 a.m. (Umpires: M. J. Moore, M. J. Moore).  
Men's Fourth Division—Recreo 'D' v Valley Sports HC on Police Ground, Boundary St. at 10 a.m. (Umpires: M. J. Moore, M. J. Moore).  
Men's Fifth Division—Recreo 'E' v Valley Sports HC on Police Ground, Boundary St. at 10 a.m. (Umpires: M. J. Moore, M. J. Moore).  
Men's Sixth Division—Recreo 'F' v Valley Sports HC on Police Ground, Boundary St. at 10 a.m. (Umpires: M. J. Moore, M. J. Moore).  
Men's Seventh Division—Recreo 'G' v Valley Sports HC on Police Ground, Boundary St. at 10 a.m. (Umpires: M. J. Moore, M. J. Moore).  
Men's Eighth Division—Recreo 'H' v Valley Sports HC on Police Ground, Boundary St. at 10 a.m. (Umpires: M. J. Moore, M. J. Moore).  
Men's Ninth Division—Recreo 'I' v Valley Sports HC on Police Ground, Boundary St. at 10 a.m. (Umpires: M. J. Moore, M. J. Moore).  
Men's Tenth Division—Recreo 'J' v Valley Sports HC on Police Ground, Boundary St. at 10 a.m. (Umpires: M. J. Moore, M. J. Moore).

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"CYCLOPS"	Amsterdam, London & Hamburg	24th Apr. 25th Apr.
"PERSEUS"	Mar. 2nd, Liverpool & Glasgow	5th May 6th May

Scheduled Sailings from Europe

	Sails	Leaves	Arrives
G. "ANTIOCHUS"	Liverpool	Rotterdam	Hong Kong
G. "CYCLOPS"	do	do	3rd Apr.
G. "PERSEUS"	do	do	6th Apr.
G. "ALCINOUS"	do	do	13th Apr.
G. "ANTIOCHUS"	do	do	20th Apr.
G. "CYCLOPS"	do	do	2nd May
G. "PERSEUS"	do	do	8th May
G. "ALCINOUS"	do	do	14th May
G. "ANTIOCHUS"	do	do	23rd May

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"AJAX"	do	do	14th Apr.
"HAINAN"	do	do	18th Apr.
"AGAMEMNON"	do	do	22nd Apr.

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HK/Hanoi/Haiphong	(DC-3) 12:00 noon Wednesday
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BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, March 30, 1954.

## OFFICIAL NOTICE

Transfer of Ship's names

We, China Union Trading Company, Limited, Room No. 1112-3, Alexander House, Des Voeux Road Central, Hong Kong, hereby give notice that in consequence of transfer of the title of the ownership, we have applied to the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation, under section 47 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, in respect of the following ships:

Steamer "Halley" of HONG KONG REGISTRY, Official Number 180307, Gross tonnage 54.43 tons, lighter "Hingley" of HONG KONG REGISTRY, Official Number 182080, Gross tonnage 211.70 tons Net tonnage 207.53 tons and lighter "Yardley" of HONG KONG REGISTRY, Official Number 152097, Gross tonnage 211.37 tons Net tonnage 207.15 tons, heretofore owned by Peters & Co., Ltd., Hong Kong, for permission to change their names as follows:

"Red Leaf" and "Fern Leaf" and "Gold Leaf"

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Dated at Hong Kong the 29th day of March, 1954.

CHINA UNION TRADING COMPANY, LIMITED. PAN CHU-CHIANG, Director.

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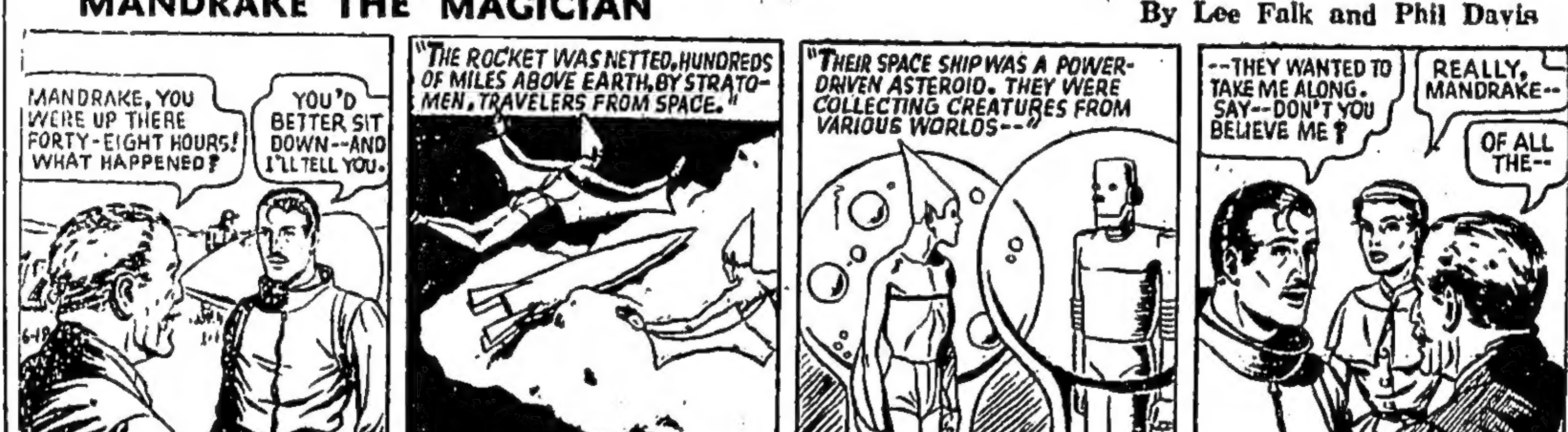
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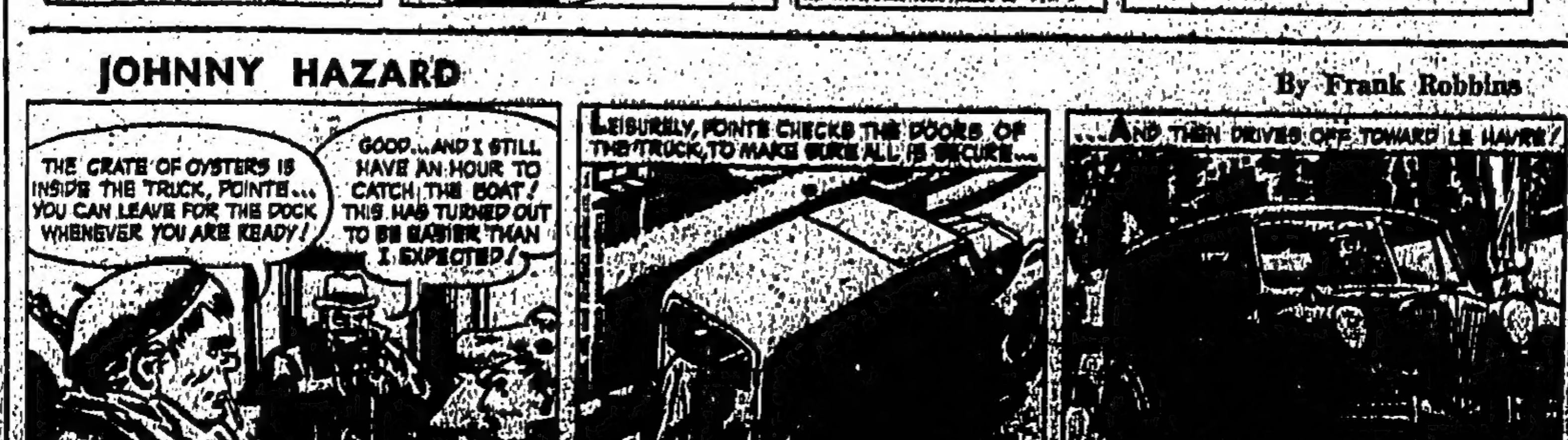
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"ORDIA" due 25th Apr. from Japan, sails 26th Apr. for Colombo, Bombay, Karachi, Khorramshahr, Basrah, Kuwait, Persian Gulf, Port Said, Aden, Bombay, Colombo, Penang & Chittagong.

"UMARIA" due 25th Apr. from Persian Gulf, sails 26th Apr. for Japan.

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TUESDAY, MARCH 30

By Air, 6 p.m.

Indo-China, 3 p.m.

Philippines, 3 p.m.

Indo-China, 3 p.m.

Macao, 3 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31

Philippines, 3 p.m.

Indo-China, 3 p.m.

Macao, 3 p.m.

Japan, 3 p.m.

Formosa, 3 p.m.

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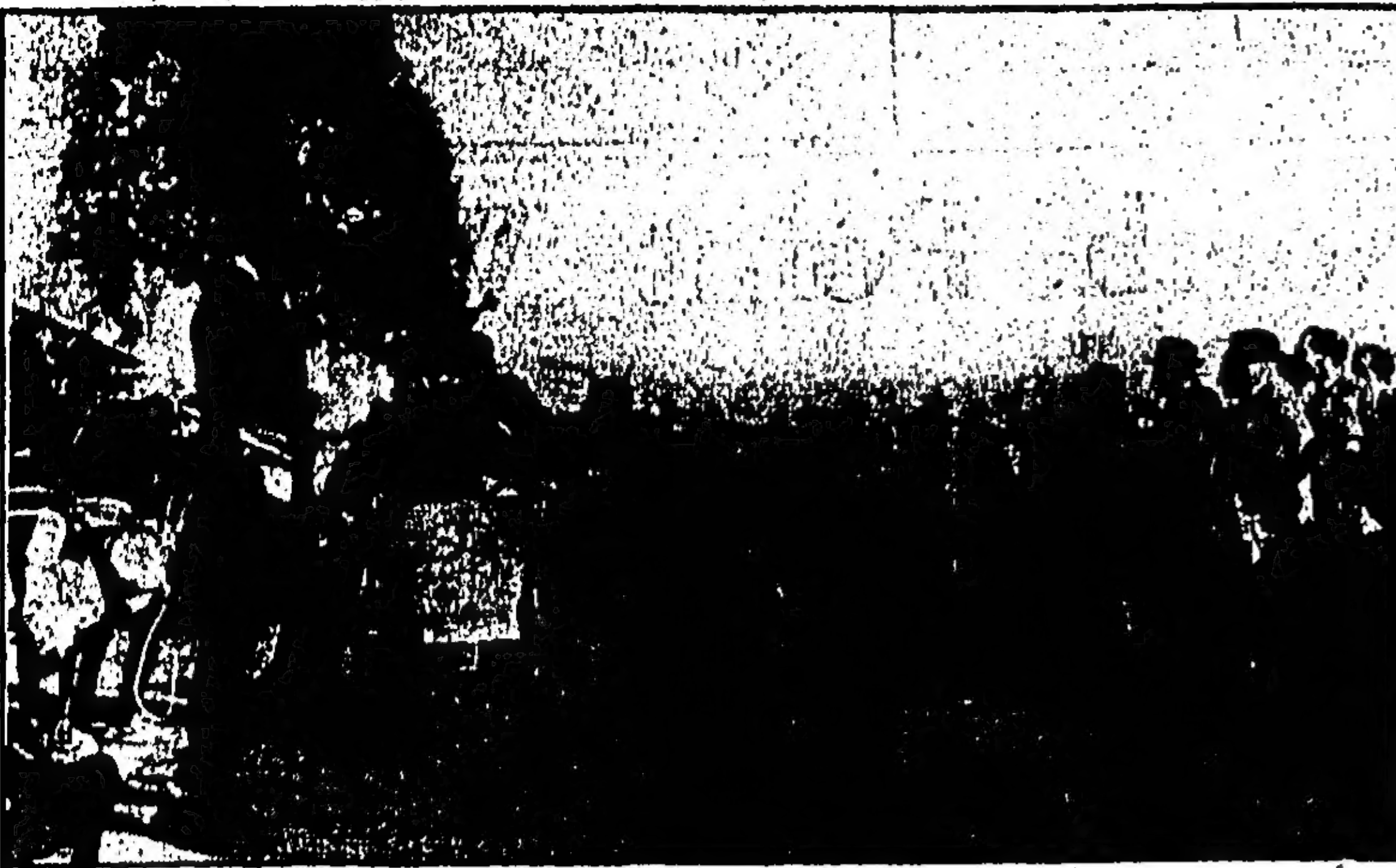
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## Welcome For Mr Lyttelton



Colourfully dressed native dancers perform for the Colonial Secretary, Mr Oliver Lyttelton (at right, hand on hip) in honour of his visit to Kitul, a remote township in the heart of the Wakamba country of Kenya.

The Governor of Kenya, Sir Evelyn Baring stands to the left of the Colonial Secretary.

Mr Lyttelton made the visit by air, immediately after he had announced his proposals for constitutional and administrative changes.—Reuterphoto.

## Spain Threatens A Labour Boycott Of "The Rock"

Madrid, Mar. 29.

Queen Elizabeth's forthcoming visit to Gibraltar continues to be a major issue in Spain. Some newspapers suggest the Gibraltar frontier should be closed to Spanish nationals during the Queen's stay, from May 10 to 11.

Others go even further and suggest that the frontier, once closed on May 10, should not be re-opened again.

This would mean that the 12,000 Spaniards who live in the small Spanish town of La Linea, but work in Gibraltar, would have to be transferred, with their families, to other parts of Spain where work was available.

It would mean, too, evacuating some 80,000 people from the slums and overcrowded houses of La Linea at a cost estimated at 3,000 million pesetas (£27,000,000 sterling).

But, the circles who advocate this plan argue it would cause Britain or other parts of the Commonwealth the shopkeeping sector of Gibraltar's 25,000 in-

habitants, who would be left almost without trade.

Workers, they say, would have to be brought from Britain for the dockyards. They would have to be prepared to live cooped up on the two square miles of "The Rock" and would have to have all their food shipped out from Britain.

Still others, more optimistic, think the Queen's visit will eventually be cancelled on some pretext or other and that General Franco's offer of 1951 to lease the Gibraltar naval base to Britain will provide the basis for eventual agreement.

General Franco himself has intervened in the state of literature published recently about Gibraltar with three articles which have been published in almost every newspaper in Spain and broadcast by all wireless stations.

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### Protest Unlikely

"In Gibraltar, the Queen will see a strange population composed of thousands of Metropolitan employees and functionaries and their families, and some hundreds of Jews, Indians, exiled or renegade Spaniards, Maltese, Cypriots, in consideration part smugglers."

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It seems unlikely that Spaniards will be allowed to accept the invitation reported to have been broadcast by the Governor of Gibraltar, Lieutenant-General Sir Gordon Macmillan, to Spanish people to visit Gibraltar to see the Queen.

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Now are any street demonstrations which could give rise to attacks on British officials or private buildings likely to be permitted in Spain?

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## The Fading Dream Of Mauritius

London, Mar. 29.

Britain has shelved, for the moment, her next colonial problem—Mauritius, in the Indian Ocean.

The Hindu plantation workers who have wrested power from the French estate owners are asking for "greater political self-expression." They want to send a delegation to London.

The Colonial Secretary, Mr Oliver Lyttelton, has, however, refused to receive them, on the grounds that they have not been specific enough.

Mauritius is split vertically by race and horizontally by class. In an area of only 720 square miles, she is said to have more colour and caste tensions than in any other British territory.

Behind the move to send a mission to London is the Hindu-dominated Labour Party which, in the widened franchise of the first "popular" elections in 1946, suddenly ended the political rule of the French "aristocracy," whose families have run the sugar island since Britain took it from Napoleon.

The elected majority in the Legislative Council changed overnight from French to Indian Mauritian. Politically, the 12,000 "nobility," whose capital and brains made Mauritius prosperous, went out like a snuffed candle.

Accused of living in an atmosphere of pre-revolution France, they saw that they must fight or abandon for ever the privileges they had known so long.

Their leaders formed the Ralliement Mauricien to combat the "danger of being swamped" by the 243,000 Hindus, descendants of indentured labourers brought to the island when slavery was abolished. They appealed for help to the 16,000 coloured people, the 89,000 Indian Moslems and the 16,000 Chinese.

### Angry Protests

But at the next election, in August last year, the Labour Party victory was consolidated. They lost only one of their 14 seats among the 19 elected

members of the Legislative Council.

Sir Hilary Blood, then Governor, availed himself of one of the "checks and balances" of British Colonial Government. He chose most of his twelve nominated members from among men who are opposed to the Labour Party—including five Frenchmen and two Moslems.

The Hindus angrily protested that the verdict of the people was being "set aside."

If the Hindus were in the majority in any delegation coming to London they would be sure to ask for the abolition of the literacy qualification, the only barrier preventing further large numbers of their race from voting under universal suffrage.

They would also be likely to press for the number of elected members in the Legislative Council to be increased from 19 to 25.

If they had their way, the Constitution of Mauritius would begin to resemble the one which came to grief in five months in British Guiana.

Britain wants to hear the views of the other sections of the population who are opposed to changes. The Franco-Mauritians dread the prospect of universal suffrage, for it means their total eclipse—handing over the colony to a racial majority which must go on increasing as the standard of education rises.

The Labour Party stands for the nationalisation of sugar, the docks and the banks. All these belong to the Franco-Mauritians.

Some Hindus would like to see the island voting politically instead of racially. This view is shared by progressive Franco-Mauritians and by the 400 or so British Government officials and businessmen there—Chinese, Mal

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## TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

# GERMANY: THIRD BIGGEST CAR PRODUCER

## 47 p.c. Increase In Output In January-February

With an output of 95,000 units during the January-February period the German car factories have turned out 47 per cent more units than during the corresponding period of last year. For passenger cars the rise was 53 per cent, the Frankfurt correspondent of the London "Financial Times" says.

Germany is now the third largest producer of motor-cars in the world. The rise in the output of passenger cars has been as follows:—

	January	February	units
1954	35,700	36,600	
1953	24,677	22,561	
1952	23,107	29,938	

Output in February was the second largest on record and very near the peak figure of 36,950 passenger cars reached last September.

Last year's exports amounted to slightly over £100m. This year the German car industry hopes to do even better, for three reasons.

First, prices are ruthlessly slashed wherever required. In Austria, which has become an interesting market since the O.E.E.C. imposed liberalisation, the Volkswagen works cut their price in Vienna from 8,700 to 7,250 marks.

Secondly, new outlets are being opened. The first Volkswagen cars have been shipped to Australia recently under the 3,500 unit import licence granted to the works in Wolfsburg.

Thirdly, the network of assembly plants abroad is being steadily expanded. About 85 per cent of the Volkswagen exports to Australia will be assembled in Melbourne. In Belgium a Volkswagen assembly plant with a target capacity of 18,000 cars was opened a few days ago.

Daimler Benz is reported to have concluded a contract with the Indian Tata Locomotive and Engineering Company for the joint setting up of assembly plants in India. The Borgward plant has been discussing a similar venture in Indonesia for several months now.

Under the new policy of the Federal Government, which is to encourage rather than discourage capital exports, such plans are easier to carry out than before.

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are bought by firms and corporations.

With the new income-tax law expense accounts will be pared down and the ratio of privately owned cars will probably become much higher. This will mean a shift to a cheaper and more economic car. It may also mean new conditions in the second-hand car market.

Lorries over three tons of freight and trailers have not been sharing the German motor-car boom. The manufacture of trailers has ceased almost entirely and output of heavy lorries has been curtailed, manufacturers waiting for the new regulations expected to restrict long-haul road transport in favour of the railway system.

As far as passenger cars are concerned, however, factory yards in Germany in the early spring of 1954 are almost empty of stocks.

## Singapore Rubber Market

Singapore, Mar. 29. The rubber market was slightly steadier on moderate support of trade with some sellers reserved. Prices:

No. 1 rubber per lb. April 55-56 1/2 May 56-57 1/2 June 57-58 1/2

No. 2 rubber per lb. April 54-55 1/2 May 55-56 1/2 June 56-57 1/2

No. 3 rubber per lb. April 53-54 1/2 May 54-55 1/2 June 55-56 1/2

Spot rubber unbleached 52-53 1/2 51-52 1/2 50-51 1/2

Blanket grade 51-52 1/2 50-51 1/2 49-50 1/2

No. 1 pale crepe 50-51 1/2 49-50 1/2 48-49 1/2

NEW YORK MARKET New York, Mar. 29. Rubber futures today closed 10 to 30 points higher with sales of 130 contracts.

The spot market ruled quiet with No. 1 Rs indicated at 20 1/2 cents a pound. Future closings were:

May 20 7/8 July 20 1/2 Sept. 20 1/4 Dec. 20 1/8 March 20 1/4 May 20 1/8

LONDON MARKET London, Mar. 29. The rubber market was very steady with No. 1 Rs quoted at 16-9/16 pence per lb. Prices:

Spot No. 1 Rs 16-9/16 16-10/16 16-11/16 16-12/16

Settlement house term: May 16-11/16 July 16-11/16 Sept. 16-11/16 Dec. 16-11/16

General market: 16-11/16 16-12/16 16-13/16 16-14/16

15 Swiss francs higher than the Austin A30, the former being offered at 5,575 Swiss francs, the latter at 5,500 francs.

In Belgium, considered to be one of the "open" European markets, prices in February were as follows:—

Belgium

## Need To Expand Rubber Exports

Singapore, Mar. 29. The Chairman of the Singapore Chamber of Commerce Rubber Association, Mr G. Salmund, told its annual meeting today he hoped the political situation in the East would improve sufficiently soon to justify resumption of the rubber trade with Communist China.

Mr Salmund said that United States policy dominated the short-term rubber scene.

He said: "In the long term the best estimates were based on normal progressive consumption and maximum output of all rubber products."

"The arguments for the necessity of maintaining replanting programmes are overwhelming."

"This raises the question of finance but it is difficult to see where this is to come from at present prices and in the present state of Government finance and of proceeds to the industry."

Mr Salmund said he did not wish to make forecasts but there were grounds for feeling that, assuming the present mild economic recession in America did not become a serious one, they had been the worst of it.—Reuter.

## HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE

(From Our Correspondent)

Business on the Stock Exchange this morning amounted to \$407,046.60. Noon quotations and the morning's dealings:

### SHARES BUYERS SELLERS SALES

BANKS

HK Bank ... 1000

INSURANCES

Union ... 870 7 1/2 42 @ 870

Underwriters ... 53 1/2 7 1/2

Lombard ... 53 1/2 7 1/2

DOCKS, ETC.

K. Wharf KD 68 7 1/2

Dock KD 68 7 1/2

Shal KD 68 7 1/2

Wheelock ... 0.05 8.15 2000 @ 8.15

LAND, ETC.

HK Hotel ... 0.15 0.25 200 @ 0.20

HK Land ... 0.15 0.25 200 @ 0.20

Shal Land ... 1.30 10.90

Realty ... 2.10 2.15 1000 @ 2.15

UTILITIES

Train KD ... 23.70 23.90 200 @ 23.80

Star Ferry ... 120 132 100 @ 132

C. Light (D) 10.70 10.90 300 @ 10.80

C. Light (N) 13.70 13.90 633 @ 13.70

Electric ... 31 1/2 32 800 @ 31 1/2

Telephone ... 29.20 40

INDUSTRIALS

Cement ... 17.90 2.10 200 @ 2.10

Metal Indus. ... 17.90 2.10 200 @ 2.10

STORES, ETC.

Dairy ... 27.50 28 1200 @ 27.50

Watson ... 18.40 800 @ 18.40

Rs ... 7 1/2

COTTONS

Textile Corp. 7.60 7.65 600 @ 7.65

MISCELLANEOUS

Yangtze ... 0.60 6.70 2000 @ 6.65

Yamat KD 137 500 @ 136

Allied Invest 4.00 4.05 800 @ 4.05

LONDON FOREIGN Exchange

London, Mar. 29. Foreign exchange closed today as follows:—

New York ... 2.81 1/2-2.81 5/16

Montreal ... 2.74 1/2-2.74 1/2

Amsterdam ... 10.55 1/2-10.55 1/2

Stockholm ... 12.15 1/2-12.15 1/2

Hamburg ... 12.25 1/2-12.25 1/2

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Reduced Shipments To Hongkong, But

## Japan Now Biggest Exporter Of Cotton Piece Goods

London. Japan displaced the United States as the world's biggest exporter of cotton piece goods last year.

The United Kingdom, whose exports were virtually unchanged, moved up into second place, and India, with a moderate increase, came third.

The United States, whose exports fell sharply, dropped from first to fourth place.

The Western European countries as a whole lost ground in 1953.

Revealing this the British Cotton Board says the fifteen per cent increase in world exports of cotton piece goods between the third and fourth quarters of last year was barely sufficient to bring the total for the whole year up to even the low 1952 level. A considerable change, therefore took place in the relative shares of the main exporting countries.

Commenting on the immediate outlook for the British cotton industry, the Cotton Board says the signs point to a continuing upward trend of output. The limiting factor will not be lack of demand, as order books are still lengthening, but the ability to produce, and above all, the availability of labour.

Though total U.K. exports of cotton piece goods remained virtually unchanged last year, they consisted to a considerably greater extent of cloth woven in Lancashire.

Foreign piece goods processed in the United Kingdom and re-exported—chiefly to the Colonies—dropped sharply from 88 1/2 million yards in 1952 to 53 1/2 million yards last year.

A feature of the final quarter's shipments was the considerable quantity taken by the African markets. Deliveries to British West Africa expanded sharply, and exports to East Africa increased yet again.

British exports to the latter market, the Cotton Board says, should continue to benefit from the ban on the importation of all but a few types of cloth from Japan, and would no doubt be at an even greater rate were it not to the shipping difficulties to Mombasa.

Indonesia was easily Japan's best customer for cotton and rayon piece-goods last year. But Japan also sold more to Siam (her second largest market), Burma, Australia, South Africa and British West Africa Japanese exports to Hongkong and the United Kingdom, on the other hand, were sharply reduced.

Since the end of the year negotiations with the Pakistan Government have resulted in contracts being booked for Japanese cloth, so shipments to this market, which amounted to less than one million yards in 1953, will soon be swelling the total volume of Japanese exports.

### NOTICE

The following advertisement has appeared in United Kingdom papers:—

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1. The Ministry of Transport and Civil Aviation invites offers for the purchase from him of the undermentioned ship "as lying" at Hong Kong after removal of certain Naval equipment and stores. If purchased for scrap, certain other equipment will not be included in the sale and will be removed before delivery to purchaser.

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3. "MAINE" R.N. Hospital Ship of about 7515 G.R.T. 4205 N.R.T. Length 422'3". Breadth 52'2". Built 1925 by Ansaldo, San Giorgio, Genoa, Italy. Clearances: 6 ft. Clearances: 6 ft. Clearances: 6 ft.

4. Further particulars and copies of the form of purchase agreement can be obtained from the Ministry of Transport and Civil Aviation, Room 4017, at the above address. (Telephone No. Mayfair 9494. Extension 2380).

5. The Minister will not accept responsibility for any errors or omissions in the particulars and description of the ship or for any information which the person submitting an offer may have obtained from any person whatsoever.

6. The Minister does not bind himself to accept any offer for purchase, and his decision in any case must be accepted as final.

### A. W. WOOD.

Signed by authority of the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation at Berkeley Square, London, W.1. This 3rd day of March, 1954.

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## Night Shift W. 1

THE shops and offices had long since finished business for the day and closed their doors. Pleasure seemed the purpose of everyone abroad. But among the crowds who hurried to cinemas and restaurants and theatres there were some who moved more slowly. Furtive men with worried faces, whose working day was just beginning.

They were those who use the Circus and bars in the neighbourhood as business premises, buying and selling there all manner of goods into whose origin it would be unwise to inquire too closely. The night shift, the shifty men, who dream of easy riches.

### READY MONEY

AMONG these, the other evening, two youths of 17 strolled, who had come up to the Circus from the East End.

Presently, the youths, whose names were Stanley and Sydney, pushed their way into a crowded bar, ordered a bottle of lemonade each, and settled down to talk. They had hardly taken a sip from their glasses when a stranger sidled up to them.

"Let you have some Yank tags, £1 a carton of 200," the stranger said from the side of his mouth he was not using to chew gum.

Stanley, a job-buyer of trimmings by profession, and Sydney, who works for his tailor father, put their business heads together. At last, "Okay," they said, Sydney produced a £5 note from his pocket, and the stranger handed over five cartons of cigarettes.

### THE GOOD TURN

"BETTER not get stopped with these," he rapped, as he moved off. "You might get into trouble if you was stopped."

Stanley and Sydney were stopped almost immediately, on the pavement outside. "Where did you get those cigarettes?" a plain-clothes policeman asked them.

"We was just carrying them for American," Stanley said, as if that were their good deed for the day, and they were proud of it.

"Bought them from a Yank we thought was short of money. We wanted to help him, see," said Sydney.

The policeman was not satisfied. He took the pair to the station, and next morning at Bow Street, both pleaded guilty to being in possession of uncustomed goods—the 1,000 American cigarettes.

### FRIGHTENED

THE police told their story to Mr. Bertram Reece, and Stanley and Sydney both said they had bought the cigarettes for their own use.

"Why did you give these different explanations?" the magistrate asked.

"We was frightened," said Stanley, and Sydney added: "You know what it's like when the police come on you."

The magistrate, who had never undergone that kind of harrowing experience, found the case proved. "Anything known?" he inquired.

"They are both youths of excellent character," said the officer in charge of the case, to the magistrate.

"What are they doing drinking lemonade, as they say, at Piccadilly Circus at 11 o'clock at night?" Mr. Reece asked.

### THE IDEAL PLACE

THE Circus is an ideal place for buying these cigarettes," said the officer. "These two had found that out. There's a sale for the cigarettes factory hands and others."

"The duty-paid value of the cigarettes is..." the magistrate inquired.

"It is 28.10s. 2d., sir."

Mr. Reece did some lightning calculations on his blotting pad. He turned to Stanley and Sydney. "You will each pay 24 9s. 7d. and two guineas each. Very well, thank you."

The pair were shown out, and they went, looking tense and anxious, and outside they began to fumble for what their nerves cried out for, a fully-customed cigarette.

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## TEN APPEALS DISMISSED BY JUDGE

Ten appeals, most of them against sentence, were dismissed by Judge J. W. Gregg at Supreme Court this morning. In none of the cases did the Judge find sentences too excessive, and he commented that one was, if anything, too lenient. Mr. John Hobley appeared for the Crown.

One appellant, Young Wing-leung, appealing against a sentence of 14 months hard labour for burglary and breach of bond, told the Judge he had nothing to say except to ask for a reduction of sentence. "Yes?" said the Judge, expecting more.

"I have nothing to say."

"But you have said nothing at all."

"No, I have nothing to say."

"Well, if you have nothing to say, your appeal is dismissed."

Most of the appellants, however, appealed for family reasons.

Cheung Chan-sang, given two months hard labour and eight

months for larceny, said he had an old mother to support; Ng Shek, given a total of 8½ months for offences connected with dangerous drugs, pleaded a mother, wife and four children who relied upon him; Leo Cheung, given six months for false pretences and wrongful pawning, said he had a mother, wife and two children to support; Yeung Sam-fung, given two months for stealing a quantity of rice, said a mother, wife and three children needed him to look after them; Chun Kam-yung, alias Chung Yung-fock, alias Chung Fook, given 27 months for stealing bicycles, said he had to support a younger brother still at school, so that he in turn could earn his living and help to support his family. "I stole only seven bicycles," he told the Judge.

### MAN'S REQUEST

Wong Chi-yin, who with Kam Chung-yau, appealed against sentence for theft, said that if the Court could not reduce his sentence of 36 months so that he could support his old mother and his children who were his dependants, he would like his two children to be sent to an orphanage as his wife would not be able to support them. Kam Chung-yau said he had an old mother in Macao, and promised to leave the Colony with his wife if the Judge would lessen his two-year sentence.

Fong Wo-fat, who pleaded that he had been forced to steal a bicycle so that he could get money to live, said that his previous employer had promised to take him back to work, and asked the Judge to reduce his seven-month sentence so that he could take advantage of the offer at the earliest opportunity. He had two previous convictions and could give no written proof of his old employer's offer.

Cheng Hon-chau, who appealed against sentence while his fellow-appellant, Lau Fook, appealed against conviction, said that the Police had credited him with having distilled more wine than he actually had done. He was charged with being in possession of fermenting material, but said that some belonging to his friend, Lau Fook, said that, although the hut concerned belonged to him, the wine had been found outside it. The Judge commented that having regard to the quantity of wine he could not reduce the sentence, and said that having regard to the evidence adduced at the trial he could not think Lau's conviction was erroneous.

Wong Yiu-sing, given sentences totalling one year for fraudulent conversion, said he had reported himself to the Police, and asked that his sentence should date from the date of his report. This was, Mr. Hobley said, untrue, and Wong's appeal was dismissed.

### Liner Gives NY A Miss

New York, Mar. 29. Cunard White Star Lines today announced that the liner Queen Mary would sail from Halifax for London on April 4 and would not enter New York's strike-crippled port.

Special trains will take 1,730 passengers from here on Wednesday on the 30-hour trip to Halifax.

The Queen Mary docked at Halifax today and four trains were due to carry the 900 passengers to New York later.

The liner originally was scheduled to sail from New York on Wednesday.—United Press.

### Dance Girl Attacks Bus Conductor

A dispute between a China Motor Bus Company conductor and a 26-year-old dancing hostess on board a bus, which ended with the dancing hostess slapping the conductor and smashing his cap on his head, had a sequel in Central Magistrate's Court this morning when the hostess pleaded guilty before Mr. Hin-shing Lo to common assault.

Lee Chan, 26-year-old dancing hostess, of room 310 King's Apartments, King's Road, was fined \$25 and bound over to the sum of \$100 for one year.

Inspector W. E. B. Howell, prosecuting, said that the complainant, Leung So, was on duty as a conductor on No. 10 Route bus when Lee boarded the vehicle at 12.05 a.m. this morning. She gave the complainant a \$1 note, but refused to accept some five-cent coins in change.

This led to a dispute which culminated in the conductor receiving two slaps across the face from Lee, who further smashed the conductor's cap against his head.

## SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"How soon will I be able to have a nice even set of false teeth like my father's?"

## Murder Trial: Det Denies Changing His Evidence

A suggestion that a Police detective-sergeant had deliberately changed his evidence from that given in committal proceedings in order not to contradict the evidence given by the Divisional Detective-Inspector of Kowloon City Division was put forward at the trial of three men and a woman charged with murder before Mr. Justice C. W. Reece this morning at the Criminal Sessions.

The detective-sergeant, Wong Muk-lin, denied under cross-examination by Mr. Oswald Cheung, one of the Defence Counsel, that in testifying as to the time the woman accused was taken to the CID Office from the Police Station cell, he had altered the time to about an hour earlier.

The accused were Chung Ming-um, alias "Chung Sum", alias Chung Ming-sang, 25, unemployed; Lung Yee-hing, alias Lung Tai, 22, unemployed; Leung Fong, 36, amah; and Kam Yun-chuen, 28, unemployed.

They were charged with murdering a 60-year-old woman, Tam Luk-sun, in the course of a robbery at 72 Nga Tsin Wai Road on November 23 last year.

Mr. Patrick Yu, instructed by Mr. Charles Ying, is representing the first accused; Mr. W. K. Lee, instructed by Mr. W. I. Cheung, is representing the second; Mr. O. V. Cheung is representing the third, instructed by Mr. P. D. d'Almeida Remedios; and Mr. T. Shurlock is representing the fourth, on instructions of Mr. M. T. Holmes.

The Prosecution is conducted by Mr. D. F. O. Mayne, Crown Counsel.

An all-male jury is hearing the case.

Det.-Sgt. Wong Muk-lin, attached to Kowloon City Police Station, said in evidence that on November 23 last year he went with a Police party to 72 Nga Tsin Wai Road, second floor. There he took possession of a length of electric wiring, a Chinese-style baby-carrying cloth and a towel all of which he handed over to Divisional Det.-Inspector F. Indge Buckingham.

Witness agreed that he had said that at the Magistrate's, but explained that he had probably made a mistake at the time, as he might not have remembered properly.

Mr. Cheung: You are highly placed—the senior detective at Kowloon City Police Station, apart from Inspector Buckingham?

Witness: Yes.

You are highly trained?—Well, fairly.

Were you ever told to remember times accurately?—Yes.

Did you deliberately change your evidence so that it would not contradict Inspector Buckingham's as to the time?—No, I did not.

Further questioned, witness denied having seen the third accused "continually interrogated and badgered" by detectives at the Station at one stage.

Hearing is proceeding.

### WIFE OF MP GAINS DIVORCE

A divorce suit with costs was granted in the District Court last week to Mrs. Jacqueline Anne Harvey, of Albion Court, Albion Street, Baywater, wife of Mr. Arthur Harvey, a Conservative M.P. for the constituency of Chislehurst, Kent, the ground of this claim being the alleged adultery of the husband.

Mr. Commissioner Harvey did not contest the petition. His wife, who was 42 years old, was granted a decree nisi.

## North Point Wharves Development Scheme

### Two Big Transit Sheds Almost Completed

It was revealed at the annual general meeting of the North Point Wharves, Ltd., held this morning that during 1953 special arrangements were made to increase the company's overdraft to \$4,000,000 in consequence of which it has been possible to embark on an expansion programme, including the construction of two large two-storied reinforced concrete transit sheds. The work will be completed next month.

Major S. M. Churn, the chairman, made this disclosure, and he also stated that the profit for the period of nine months was \$417,005, equal to a 5.9% dividend or 7.9% per annum. He emphasised that the continued restrictions on the trade of the Port had caused a considerable fall-off in cargo landed.

While ordinary revenue, he said, had increased by \$48,000, rentals had decreased due to the interim loss of revenue during the new development scheme.

Addressing shareholders, Major Churn said: "At the last annual meeting, I stated from the chair that plans were in course of finalisation for the development of our valuable western berth; these plans were the subject of the circular letter to Shareholders then in their hands."

To summarise briefly, the necessity for completion of the quayside facilities was becoming urgent and the financial wherewithal not in sight. After negotiation with our Bankers and General Managers, it was agreed that provided our General Managers held 90% of the issued Capital, restricted dividends to 5% per annum, and guaranteed this Company's overdraft would be reduced at the rate of at least \$400,000 per annum, the overdraft limit would be increased to four million dollars, at which it was estimated there would be available funds to undertake the development of the western berth.

Accordingly, our General Managers made an offer to this Company's Shareholders, which was favourably received, and they acquired sufficient shares to make their holding up to 95.97% of the issued Capital. Certain Shareholders, representing 9,100 shares, refused the offer. Further acceptance have since been received, and although this is a young Company, the remaining Shareholders cannot be traced at present.

The success of this long-term policy thus assured, contracts were let for the construction of two large two-storied reinforced concrete transit sheds. The work has progressed satisfactorily and which job should be completed early next month. The development includes new roads, drains, electric installation and the ground floor of permanent offices.

The Cold Store referred to in my speech last year was completed early this year and is in operation. This constitutes a valuable addition to our facilities.

For the convenience of our General Managers, this Company's financial year has been altered to coincide with theirs. Therefore the accounts before this meeting are for nine months only.

I have pleasure in submitting for your approval the Directors' Report, Accounts and Balance Sheet for the nine months ended December 31, 1953.

The net profit for the period was \$417,005 equal to 5.92% dividend or 7.9% per annum. This represents a drop of 1.66% per annum. (The continued restrictions on the trade of the Port have caused a considerable fall-off in cargo landed in the Port. Actually, ordinary revenue increased by \$48,000, but rentals decreased due to the interim loss of revenue during the new development scheme above referred to, and as the new buildings become available for use and trade improves, we shall reap the benefit of the additional facilities.)

Our maintained handling facilities continued to be appreciated by our growing clientele.

During the year we were "claim free" and our cargo handling time was well maintained.

Our berths and quay were surveyed during the year and found in good condition. The 30-foot water at low-water spring tides has been maintained and no siting was found.

From the Directors' Report you will note that the sum available for appropriation stands at over one million dollars. You will recall that the dividend is at present restricted to 6% per annum.

I beg to propose that the Directors' Report, Accounts and Balance Sheet for the period ended December 31, 1953 as presented, be adopted, and that the balance available be dealt with as recommended by the Directors, namely:—to pay a dividend of 3 3/4 cents per share, free of tax, amounting to \$264,183; provide for Taxation 1954/55 \$40,000; provide for a bonus to the staff at the discretion of the Directors \$30,000; carry forward to next account \$697,904.

Mr. R. A. Wickerson, Director, seconded the proposition.

Messrs R. Johannessen and A. Klusman, retiring directors, were re-elected unanimously on the proposition of Mr. A. D. Leamouth, seconded by Mr. R. Perkins.

Business concluded, with the re-appointment of Peat, Marwick, Mitchell and Company, Chartered Accountants, for the current year at a fee of \$3,000. The re-appointment was proposed by Mr. Li Fook-wo, and seconded by Mr. F. K. Cleary.

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## DEPOSIT CLAIM Short Cut Device Explained

The cross-examination of the second witness for the Defence in the \$2½-million deposit claim concluded before the Puisne Judge, Mr. Justice J. Reynolds in the Supreme Court this morning.

Mr. R. P. Mardulyn, Sub-Manager of the defendants, Banque Belge Pour l'Etranger (Extreme-Orient) Société Anonyme, of Edinburgh House, had been in the witness box since Thursday last.

Plaintiffs, the China Mutual Trading Co. of 13-27 Ice House Street, are claiming from the defendants the return (with interest) of HK\$2,500,171.96, being the balance of margins paid in connection with the importation of certain goods into Hongkong.

Alternatively, they claim the equivalent in Hongkong dollars of US\$449,504.43, or damages.

Mr. John McNeill, QC, Mr. Percy Chen and Mr. Brook A. Bernacchi, all instructed by Mr. Y. H. Chan, of Messrs Lau Chan and Co, are appearing for the plaintiffs.

The defendants are represented by the Hon. Leo d'Almeida, QC, and Mr. D. A. L. Wright, both instructed by Mr. H. J. Armstrong, of Messrs Deacons.

### MARGIN DEDUCTED

In reply to a question by Mr. Chen who referred witness to accounts relating to a certain company in one of the Court's exhibits, Mr. Mardulyn this morning said that the Bank used a short cut device by deducting the margin from the amount which was actually payable or to be paid for the draft. Witness said he remembered having said that instead of asking for a remittance of \$1¼-million-odd, having to refund thereafter \$800,000, they had asked for a remittance of the difference.

Witness said that from another of the Court's exhibits, Mr. Mardulyn said that it was a statement for the payment of a draft. It showed the amount to be paid and a deduction therefrom of the margin showing the balance to be paid. This was a short cut device adopted by most banks for this kind of statement, he added.

Mr. Chen said there in fact gave credit for the Hongkong dollar margin after all your short cut?

Mr. Mardulyn: We deducted the Hongkong margin.

Look at Bundle 15, page 14. Look at that account. The amount of the draft, \$13,000 less margin—A deduction of margin—Did you not give credit for the margin? We deducted the margin from the amount payable on the draft.

On this account if there had been no so-called conversion, would the Bank still have deducted the margin which is paid? If there had been no conversion there would still be a margin in Hongkong dollars which would have been deducted from the Hongkong dollar amount due on the draft calculated at the rate of exchange for the month of December, 1950, appearing on one of the exchange contracts.

A BETTER RATE

The rate of this so-called converted US margin in this specific account of yours was in fact that shown on the red form (forward exchange) contract which was actually concerned with the claim in this action—The rate was in fact a better rate than the one appearing on this statement, although it may have been taken from the same contract.

My question is again: That the rate of the so-called converted US margin was in fact that shown in the red form contract which actually concerned the amount which was claimed in this action?—Yes.

Witness disagreed with Mr. Chen's proposition that the Bank's obligation to give credit or deduct the margin when the drafts were presented for payment was the same whether there had been a conversion or not.

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## Opium Offender Fined \$2,000

A fine of \$2,000 was imposed on Lau Chun-keung, by Judge J. Wickes at the Victoria District Court this morning for possession of 11 tins of raw opium.

A second defendant, Tam Ching, charged with allowing dangerous goods to be stored in his premises, was discharged when the Prosecution entered a nolle prosequi.

Both accused were represented by Mr. K. Y. Yung.

Chief Insp. T. Kavanagh said that at 1.15 p.m. on March 1, a Police party raided No. 233, Lockhart Road, second floor, and in the front cubicle where the first accused stayed, they found 20 sticks and a block of opium concealed in a secret compartment in a cabinet.

In mitigation, Mr. Yung said that the amount of raw opium seized would produce about five tins of prepared opium. The accused, a partner of a cloth shop, had been in Hongkong for over 30 years and had never committed any offence.

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